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THE **TUESDAY DECEMBER 30 1986** 

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containing Mr and Mrs Derek Smallbone and their two

Gemma Smallbone was

killed and her parents, from

Holt. Norfolk, were taken to

hospital with their son, aged five. Mrs Diana Smallbone

recieved head injuries and her

husband had leg injuries. The boy was discharged. Thirty-five minutes after

the crash Miss Ettridge and

Mr Chmilowskyj turned up

three miles away at Cockley Cley Hall, the home of Sir

Samuel Roberts, a barrister.

barrister: "I want to give myself up". Sir Samuel, aged 38, rec-ognized them at once and asked them if they were the

couple whose pictures had been on television. The girl

said that they were. Sir Samuel said: "She was

pale, shaken and seemed very

quiet and not at all threaten-

ing. He was bleeding from a gash on his forehead and had dried blood caked on the front

and told them to sit down. The

girl asked to make a phone call to her parents and I dialled the

"I heard her say 'It's me, it's all over, I'm safe, I'm coming

home.' The man then took the

phone, and said 'Hello, it's

Pete, I would like to apologize

for the trouble what I gave

you'."
Sir Samuel telephoned a

local constable, PC Michael

Lane, and within minutes a

police car had arrived at the

"My wife had made them a

cup of tea but the man didn't

have time to finish it. The

policeman said 'I am arresting you', handcuffed him and took him out to the police car.

The barrister said: "His

attitude was one of remorse.

quiet and depressed. He had a two-inch gash on his forehead covered with dried blood."

Mrs Ettridge said that her

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Cellnet, its British Telecom

rival. By the end of 1989, it

reckons it will have 200,000

subscribers out of a total of

on Vodafone in its current

in its cellular radio network

Racal expects to break even

It has invested £110 million

Racal pays £110m, page 17

He didn't resist at all."

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The crash took place at 8.15 dejection. He said he was

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"The man was also very

subdued, almost depressed.

The wanted man told the

Missing girl is

unharmed as

man surrenders

By Stewart Tendler and Chris Steyn

children.

Miss Samantha Ettridge, aged 17, the Hertfordshire

choolgirl who disappeared on

Christmas Eve, was reunited with her family last night as

detectives questioned the man

Miss Ettridge, tired but unharmed, and Mr Peter

Johan Chmilowskyj, the sus-

pect, were found by police at a

Norfolk country house after a car crash in which a baby was

The girl and the man reached the house through dense forest after their car had

collided head-on with another

car shortly after dawn yes-terday, killing a five-month-old girl in the other vehicle. The infant's parents were both

Last night Miss Ettridge's parents left the family home

under heavy police escort for a reunion with their daughter at

a secret rendezvous. Police

indicated that the girl was not

yet ready to be reunited with

the family in the full glare of

publicity.
The girl was found just over

12 hours after Scotland Yard

launched a manhunt naming

Mr Chmilowskyj as the man

believed to be holding Miss Ettridge, and who was also suspected of kidnapping a girl, aged 19, from north London a

few days earlier. When Miss Ettridge tele-

phoned her home at Ches-

hunt, while waiting for the

police to arrive at the country

nouse, she said of her ordeal

would like to apologize for all

In London, Detective Sup-

missing girl, said that he was delighted at the news of her

return but saddened at the

Miss Ettridge and Mr

Chmilowskyj were in a blue

Talbot Solara car which

crashed with a Ford Capri

Racal Electronics is buying in the 20 per cent of its

Vodafone subsidiary that it

does not already own for

\$160.85 million (£110

Vodafone is attracting 1.000

It estimates it has 53 per

new customers a week and has

more than 63,000 subscribers.

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David Bellamy's early school career was not a

resounding success. But the family owned a set of

Britannica and young David looked things up

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# Kinnock goes on offensive over defence

Mr Neil Kinnock went on to the offensive last night on the critical general election issue of nuclear defence, describing Nato's nuclear strategy as outdated and incredible and accusing the Government of adopting policies which increased the likelihood of a nuclear confrontation.

The Labour leader responded to the party's recent slump in support, in which the restatement of its non-nuclear policy is accepted to have been a key factor, with an aggressive defence of Labour's stance combined with a strong recommitment to close consultations with the Ameri-

It came in a letter to Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, and reflected the belief of the Labour leadership that the acknowledged damage done by the launch this month of the new policy, Modern Britain in a Modern World, can be

where their policy has struck a of date and, for a variety of chord with the electorate. The party has internal poll

evidence suggesting that Labour's policy of using cuts in the nuclear arsenal to strengthen conventional defence is finding favour with the electorate, and that people are at least questioning, where in the past they accepted

Greenwich misgivings 2

without argument, the desirability of Britain remaining a nuclear weapons power. In a Channel 4 television interview last night Mr Norman Tebbit. Tory chairman, said that Labour had made the fatal mistake of offending its supporters on key areas such as defence. Defence, he said, was good issue for the

Conservatives. He said that the main thrust of the Tory attack on Labour would be over its "incompetence, inexperience and neglect" of fundamental issues, such as defence, and the ending of the defence consensus which had lasted for 40

Mr Kinnock was replying to a letter from Mr Younger in the wake of statements the Labour leader made at the

defence policy launch.

He told Mr Younger that cuts introduced by the Government in conventional defence increased dependence on nuclear weapons and lowered the nuclear threshold, while Labour would concentrate Britain's precious defence resources on improving conventional forces and rais-

ing the nuclear threshold. He said that Nato's strategy of "flexible response", the resort to first use of nuclear weapons in retaliation for a conventional attack, was "out.

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Mr Robert Albon,

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obvious technical reasons, incredible.

However, Mr Kinnock and Mr Denis Healey, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, have underlined that Labour will accept Nato strategy until

it can change it. He reiterated that a Labour government would not ask the United States to initiate a nuclear war on its behalf by first use of nuclear weapons

Mr Kinnock demanded that Mr Younger explain the precise circumstances and purpose for which the British Prime Minister would order the first use of British nuclear bombs and what calculation had been made of the likely consequences, the size of any retaliation, and the effects of radiation blast and fall-out on British troops and civilians.

Mr Kinnock's intervention comes as politicians in all parties continue to speculate on the likelihood of a general election in the spring.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said yesterday in his new year message that the election had become an endgame for the Government.

The long-term interests of the people and the economy had been subordinated to the electoral cynicism of tax giveaway, credit boom and shop-ping sprees. Behind the gleaming high street facade the real economy was in a parlous

Mr Steel said that Britain was moving towards the status of a third world economy, bashing and bending metal for more successful societies while the City looked more and more like the centre of casino capitalism rather than the way of steering resources into productive use.

#### PO chief **Manifesto** on schools criticizes 'sell-off' derided

By John Winder By Mark Dowd Education Reporter Sir Ronald Dearing, chair-

man of the Post Office, yes-Conservative-controlled loterday criticized detailed plans cal authorities and teachers published by a Conservative were last night united in their research organization for privatization of the corporacondemnation of a radical right-wing manifesto for the reform of the state education system which, if im-plemented, would sound the death knell for local authority He remained impartial on the merits or otherwise of denationalizing the whole

Post Office, a question, he control of the service. The document, Whose Schools? compiled by a team Australian lecturer, is the author of a 44-page study for the right-wing Centre for Political Studies, released yesof politicians and educationists, including Baroness Cox and Professor Roger Scruton, advocates the return terday, in which he puts to selection and says local forward a timetable beginning in 1987, to hive off each section of the Post Office to education authorities (LEAs) have " a standing ability to corrupt the minds and souls of

the private sector, starting with the Girobank, which is the young". Those words were dismissed last night by Dr David Muffett, who is chairman of Hereford and Worcester education committee and describes himself as a "high Tory", as grossly insulting to the vast number of LEAs Continued on page 16, col 2 which have conscientiously

carried out their tasks over the "What I object to is the arrival of these johnny-comemore efficiently. latelies setting themselves up as judges of the maintained sector when so few of them have any direct experience of

life at that level," he said. A growing number of Tories in local government fear that the Conservative Party, and in particular Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, is intent on a substantial reduction in local authority power after the next election and will use the activities of the "extremists" as his justification. Mr Bill McNeill, the leader Continued on page 16, col 1

tion into suspected insider understood to have relayed dealing by a civil servant has price-sensitive information widened to include a small concerning the results of monopolies investigations to firm of stockbrokers. Whitehall sources said yesterday. her brother. The firm carried out share The sources said the person deals on the basis of price sensitive information tained by the civil servant in though it was possible she had question, the sources said.

concerned had not been dismissed or suspended, al-

whether an insider dealing procecution should be Moscow

one added: "The Russian people can forgive." third repatriation in as many Two families of five were among those returning, but some couples left behind children who arrived as teenagers and had been able to adapt to the US more easily than their

parents. Mr Zhvakin said those taking their children back were worried over the violent and permissive society in the US and did not want their chil-

dren "to be criminals".
Asked for a comment on the departure, a State Department official said: "This is a free country. People are free to

# Hunt ends at country house after death crash



Mr and Mrs Ettridge (above), delighted at their daughter's return. Below, Sir Samuel Roberts, who called in the police and Samantha Ettridge.







#### Wasps bow to Brent on apartheid

Wasps, the rugby union club whose three junior teams play on pitches owned by Brent Council, have been forced to cancel Thursday's match against Rosslyn Park because their London rivals had chosen two South African internationals who are on

holiday in Britain. Garth Wright, a scrum half, nd Anton Barnard, a loosehead prop, who represented South Africa in the unofficial series with the New Zealand Cavaliers last May, were to have made guest appearances

in the top rugby game in the capital on New Year's Day. Mr Neville Compton, the fixtures secretary of Wasps, said last night that they had no option because of Brent's policy of no sporting links with South Africa, and the club's joint community pro-

iect with the local council. Wasps asked the opposing club to leave out the two South Africans, but Mr David Whittam, the secretary of Rosslyn Park, said: "We do not want to be dictated to by a council on who we should play. If we did not select the players we would be kowtowing to political pressure. But we bear Wasps themselves

no animosity."

The pair, who had been given permission to play in England by the English Rugby Football Union, represented Rosslyn Park's second team at Bedford last Saturday. Mr

Whittam added: "Neither player is now likely to play for the first team before returning to South Africa next month." A spokeswoman for Brent Council said: "We are de-lighted by Wasps' decision which follows council policy which is not to have any links with South Africa until apart-

By Lawrence Lever

The government investiga-

heid is abolished."

## **Pretoria imposes** new restrictions on black students

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

ment yesterday gave powers to the Director-General of the Department of Education and Training which allow him to restrict and control the move-

ment of black pupils. According to a notice in the Government Gazette signed by President P.W. Botha, any person who contravenes the orders will be liable to a fine of up to 4,000 rands (£1,280) or

two years' jail The orders cover a wide range of activities, including the presence of pupils on school premises, as well as the types of reading material and

clothing they may display. The new measures are in addition to steps introduced in July forcing black pupils to carry identity documents and the employment of security

guards at schools. An estimated 20 per cent of the 1.7 million black pupils under the jurisdiction of the department refused to register and were barred from school

for the rest of the year. As boycotts mounted the



President Botha: He signed the tough orders

employee at the Department

of Trade and Industry, is

#### that she had "just talked my way through it". Mr Chmilowskyj was also said to have spoken to her parents. He allegedly told her father: "Hello. It's Pete. I erintendent Fergus Corcoran, in charge of the search for the The South African Govern- schools in the Eastern Cape province, the East Rand and in Soweto, and announced that 40 Eastern Cape schools would remain closed next year

unless pupils demonstrated a willingness to return to

classes. But according to figures released by the department in Pretoria, just over 50 per cent of black high school pupils who sat for the year-end

matriculation examinations the equivalent of British "A" levels — in their segregated schools have passed.

Although the success rate contrasts sharply with a record 80 to 90 per cent pass rate among white matriculants, the department says it is encouraged by the results.

According to the dep-artment's figures, a total of 89,235 pupils sat the examina-tions, of which 34,733 (38.9 per cent) obtained passes and a further 11,664 (13,07 per cent) matriculation exemp-

tion which entitles them to university entrance. The total pass rate was 51.99 per cent. In 1985, the pass rate was 49.3 per cent, including 12.5 per cent of pupils who gained matriculation exemption.

A spokesman for the department said yesterday: "Anything that represents an improvement is always satisfactory.

The spokesman claimed that the disparity between black and white matriculation results was irrevelant. "It has taken decades, and many ups and downs, for white educalevel of success it has now

tion results to achieve the done."

#### DTI inquiry widens to stockbroker

The civil servant, a junior been given "gardening leave" mployee at the Department — an informal form of suspenfor your own family.
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Disillusioned with life in the United States, 50 Soviet emigres arrived in Moscow yesterday from New York, the argest group to return to their homeland from here at one

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Many had lived in the US for between six and eight years, but were unhappy, homesick and unable to get good jobs. They said that they were looking forward to seeing their families again, although they did not know whether they would be accepted by friends and neighbours after years in the West.

From Michael Binyon

Washington

'violent and permissive Jewish emigrants and at least seven were naturalized US citizens. They were seen off by Mr Alexei Zhvakin, the Vice-Consul at the Soviet Embassy

in Washington. hundreds of relatives and friends came to see them off

The Aeroflot desk was mobbed and the regular weekly flight was delayed for five hours until a larger jet could be provided. Some of the emigrés said

they were homesick for relatives, while others felt they did not belong in the US. "Russia for Russians, America for Americans. I want to go home to see my mother," said Vladimir Proshinsky, who lived in New York for eight years as a taxi driver and

Alexander Cherkasets, who left a good position in a travel agency in the Soviet Union to work as a limousine driver, said he hoped he could get his old job back. "It is hard to imagine what I will do. The Soviet authorities here said we should not have any problems

months. In October and November, Soviet officials said 17 others had gone back. The flow comes as the director stripped of his citizenwelcomed back and before Christmas Mr Gorbachov personally authorized the end

of Dr Andrei Sakharov's in-

pressed lingering guilt at having left Russia and several thought they would face harsh treatment on their return. But

The trouble was, the item next to the one he looked up was often just as interesting. And he couldn't resist turning the page to find out what was overleaf. Lessons learnt voluntarily are those best remembered, which is why
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cans over its implementation.

contained. The Prime Minister is expected to return to the attack in her new year message to her party tomorrow and Labour leaders believe there is nothing to be gained through being

seen to be on the defensive and intend to stress areas Tomorrow

That was the year...

...in which Heseltine and Chernobyl exploded, Botham and Galtieri were put out of action, Prince Andrew and Geldof were married, and the Iceland summit froze over. As 1986 fades away, our Review of the Year

recalls the best and the worst of it **New Year with** The Times

A major series on football's future begins on Thursday in *The Times*, the only quality newspaper to publish on New Year's Day. To be sure of this, upto-the-minute racecards, and full coverage of news and sport, order your copy today.

Portfolio

 The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by two readers: Mr R.A. Thompson of Dorking, Surrey; and Mr J.W. Davis of Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne & Wear. Details, page 3.
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New trainer The Aga Khan has appointed Luca Cumani as his third British-based trainer, sending him 15 two-year-olds for the

coming Flat season Page 24
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The group included many

Many of the emigrés came from the New York area, where most Soviet immigrants settle. Their return was not publicized, but rumour spread quickly, and

with tearful farewells.

with the authorities there." The group's return is the

Kremlin appears to have be-gun a conciliatory policy to-wards dissidents and emigrants. It announced that Mr Yuri Lyubimov, the theatre ship two years ago would be

ternal exile. Some of the emigrés ex-

travel and do what they

Leading article, page 13

#### NEWS SUMMARY

# Police gain drug fight powers

Police and customs officers are empowered to investigate the financial dealings of suspected drug traffickers from to-day in the Government's assault on the clusive financiers of the vast international trade

The Drug Trafficking Offences Act, passed this year, also allows law enforcement officers to arrest and detain people who tip off suspected drug barons about police

Other sections of the Act, including the introduction of legal provisions designed to prevent the laundering of money amassed in the drug trade, and provisions which outlaw the possession of paraphenalia such as kits for making cocaine became law on September 30.

These new weapons in the armonry of drug prevention authorities will be completed on January 12, when police will be able to freeze the assets of suspected drug traffickers in advance of court cases and confiscate them once drug dealing has been proven.

**Funeral** 

Dr David Owen is suffer-

ing from back trouble and will miss the funeral today

of Mr David Penhaligan,

the Liberal MP for Truro,

who was killed in a car

The SDP leader is

suffering a recurrence of

back pain caused by an injury in a motor cycle accident in Cambridge 25

years ago. Dr Owen is bed-ridden at his Wiltshire

missed

crash a week ago.

#### Cavalry crossing

Aldershot could become the first town in Britain to have a pelican crossing for

The Ministry of Defence has asked the local council to help military mounts and their riders cross the busy A325 during exercises. An Army spokesman said it would pay for the

crossing, where there would be two push buttons to operate the signals— one for pedestrians and riders. An Army borse was killed on the road four

#### The private service for Mr Penhaligan is being beld at All Hallows

Two gunshot deaths Ulster police were yesterday investigating the death by guashot wounds of two men, but they believe that in each case the wounds were self-inflicted.

The first casualty was Lance Corporal Gary Kiteley, aged 21, from Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, who was serving with the 1st Battalion, the Grenadier Guards at the border village of Castlederg, Co Tyrone. His death from a head wound in an Omagh hospital on Sunday was

disclosed yesterday.

Mr Brian Felix Watson, aged 26, who lived with his mother in Greysteel, Londonderry, died in hospital early yesterday, also from head wounds. Police said that a legally yesterday, and from his home. held shotgun was recovered from his home.

#### **Disputed** news

Mr John Humphrys (right), the new presenter of Radio 4's Today, has launched a vigorous per-sonal attack on Sir Alastair Burnet, anchorman of ITN's News at 10.

Mr Humphrys, former presenter of BBC 1's Nine O'Clock News, accessed Sir Alastair in an interview in Women magazine of misleading the public by claim-ing that News at 10 was

superior.

"If, as Fleet Street and Sir Alastair claim, ITN is so superior, why does it consistently lag behind the Nine O'Clock News in the



campaign

delayed

The start of the national television advertising cam-

paign warning about the dan-

ger of Aids has been delayed

A provisional schedule for

the campaign, released last

month, said that the first

commercials would go to air

But the Department of

Health and Social Security

said last night that the launch

had been delayed for logistical

The national distribution of

leaflets about Aids, which was

also due to start last Saturday,

would not begin until January

Dr John Habgood, Arch-

bishop of York, said in his New Year message yesterday that the communion cup

should be cleaned after every

against the spread of Aids.

use as a "sensible" precaution

last Saturday.

reasons

until at least next Tuesday.

## Cold cash plea

At least 5,000 Scots die each year from illnesses related to the cold weather, according to the Scottish National

ubers of the Federation of Student Nationalists, the SNP's student wing, demonstrated in Glasgow yesterday, claiming that many families and pensioners freeze because they cannot afford to pay their fuel bills.

Mr Alan Douglas, the federation president, said: "No civilized society can allow this scandal to continue. It is a ple fact of life that it costs more to keep warm in Scotland than in England's deep south.

#### Inquiry on | Anti-Aids sinking rejected

Gibraltar is responsible for any inquiry into the sinking of the Icelandic tanker Syneta, in which six Britons died, because the vessel was based on the Rock, the Department of Transport said yesterday in reply to calls for a Gov-

ernment inquiry.
Twelve seamen died when the 1,260-ton vessel hit a rock off Iceland on Christmas Day. Iceland began its own inquiry two days ago in the port of Eskifjourdur, from where the ship had left for Liverpool.

The union representing British ships officers, Numast, is demanding a government inquiry into the incident, but the Department of Transport said yesterday: "It is down to Gibraltar to hold an inquiry. because that is where the ship is registered.

"The Gibraltar Marine Administration will be receiving a copy of the Icelandic

Mr John Prescott, shadow employment spokesman, has called on the Government to urge the Gibraltan authorities to act, amid claims that some ships based there fail to meet sea safety regulations.

Mr Eric Nevin, general secretary of Numast, claimed that some ships are registered in Gibraltar to escape strict regulations in other countries.

He added that his union wanted the Government to hold a public inquiry so there would be an opportunity to

Haggerstone Marine of Hornchurch, Essex, managing agents for the Syneta, would not comment yesterday.

#### Disease cases

Four cases of meningitis were reported in North Staffordshire over Christmas, but all are said to have responded to treatment.

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Prospects of

jobs down

for the start

of new year

Tory-controlled select committee is likely to call for back-door privatization of the coal industry in the new year, but in doing so could split down party lines.

The energy committee has spent more than a year inquiring into the state of the coal industry in Britain, but three Labour members who are former miners would be under intense pressure to reject any report that threatens state ownership.

However some Conservative members are equally determined that the report shall make definite recom-

A leading independent sur-

vey of employment trends published today shows a slight deterioration in overall job

prospects with sharp regional

Fewer companies believe

they will take on more people in the first quarter of 1987

than at this time last year,

according to the latest quar-

terly survey of 1,530 employers carried out by Manpower,

the temporary employment

employers surveyed expected to hire new staff during the

next three months, 16 per cent

expected to reduce the size of

heir workforce, and 63 per

time last year showed a

slightly more optimistic pic-

ture, with 20 per cent of

employers hoping to hire new staff and only 14 per cent

Both manufacturing and

service industries forecast a

decrease in employment dur-ing the next three months

while the strongest prospects

for increased employment are

to be found in the public

sector, especially in local gov-

ernment, where activity is

to the May local government

Twenty-six per cent of town

hire more workers in the first

time in the past 23 years.

Preliminary estimates by

months to last October strikes

cost Britain 1.607 million

working days.
The final figure should

show an improvement on

1964, when 2.278 million

close second to the 1963 tally

of 1.7 million working days lost because of industrial

The 1986 estimates show a

big improvement on the past

decade, when an annual av-

erage of 11.1 million working

days were lost in strikes, and

should help to counter Bri-

tain's international reputation

The figures are also ex-

pected to endorse the Govern-

ment's statutory curbs on

unfettered trade union power,

In 1984, Britain lost 27.1

for industrial strife,

general election.

disputes.

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cent foresaw no change. employmen A similar survey at the same ter of 1987.

Nineteen per cent of the

North-South divide.

mendations on the future While they accept that the

structure of the industry. peculiar characteristics of restrictions, and are also British Coal make its direct prohibited from employing privatization impractical, they believe that similiar results can be achieved over a longer period by lifting the "scandalous" restraints that hinder the industry's small private sector.

Under existing legislation some 40 small independent opencast mine operators. producing about 10 per cent of Britain's opencast output and employing 1,500 people, have to be licensed by British Coal, pay it substantial royalties for each tonne mined, and face a 25,000-tonne statutory limit.

which has not shown a rise in

employment prospects for two

years, offered no better pros-

pect, except among local en-gineering firms; service

ndustries were much slacker

ing and banking all forecast

reduced employment pros-

pects. Only insurance resisted

the trend with more than one

third of employers hoping to hire more staff.

and South is highlighted by

the difference between the

Home Counties, where a 10

per cent employment increase

was expected and Scotland

and the north-west of Eng-

land, where employers pre-

dicted a 2 per cent decrease in

Mr John Daly, general sec-retary of the National and Local Government Officers'

Association, said the overall

employment prospects "remained depressing". The Association of Scientific,

Technical and Managerial

Staffs, and the General,

Municipal, Boilermakers and

Allied Trades Union said the

figures showed unemploy-

ment would get worse.
But Mr Michael Jackson.

director-general of the In-

ment, said the economy as a

better job prospects existed,

whole was improving and

"On the whole, engineering

partly due to the influence of

the Trade Union Act of

The encouraging estimates

for 1986 come in spite of disruption caused by the

teachers' strike, which had no

impact on industrial produc-

tion but which cost one-fifth

Signs of further gains in

manufacturing productivity have also been established,

with a 3.6 per cent rise

between the three months to

October 1985 and the same

Manufacturing productivity

is up by 5 per cent overall since 1980 and should con-

tinue to consolidate its gains when the figures for 1986 have been analysed. The total

employed labour force, inclu-

were 3.216 million, or 11.7 per

cent of the working popula-

general election, which have

Local residents do com-

plain, though, about the La-

bour council's extremist

attitudes. One couple ques-tioned yesterday said: "The

council frighten as with their

interference in schools, their

support for homosexual

largely gone Labour's way.

months to last October.

period this year.

being generated in the run up stitute of Purchasing Manage-

halls forecast that they would particularly for young

three months of 1987, compared with 24 per cent in the is going up and it is creating

last quarter of 1986 and only more jobs. Generally on the

11 per cent this time last year. retailing side there is more

**Industrial relations** 

are best since 1964

By a Staff Reporter

Britain is on target to caused by the miners' strike, achieve its best industrial giving it the worst strike relations record since 1964, record in the world. In 1985,

with fewer working days lost the number of lost working

in strikes this year than at any days dropped to 6.4 million,

the Department of Employ- September 1984, which tightment show that in the 10 ened the law on strike action.

working days were lost of the 2.1 million working through strikes, and finish a days lost in Britain in the 10

and will provide the Prime ding the self-employed and the Minister with political ammu-Armed Forces, now stands at

Minister with political ammu-nition in the run-up to the 24.042 million, while there

million working days, of tion, unemployed last No-which 22.5 million were vember.

The manufacturing sector, capital spending.

The contrast between North

Transport, retailing, cater-

Independent deep-mine operators, of whom there are well over 150, face similiar more than 30 miners in any operation. The independent operators argued that they could produce much more coal with more jobs and at very economic prices if freed from the shackles of British Coal, which is also their main

In addition, private com-panies are prohibited from investing in the coal industry, with the result that British Petroleum mines nearly as much coal in Australia and America each year as British Coal does in Britain.

Tory MPs believe that the Conservative British Coal, should issue licences and receive royalties, and by liberating the private sector introduce genuine competition into the coal industry as well as much-needed capital and management expertise. Aware of the potentially

divisive issues involved, the committee has had an informal reading of the draft report in order to try to achieve unanimity before the formal reading on which there are recorded votes.

Labour MPs are concerned at suggestions that coal should be imported in large quantities from abroad if cheaper than domestic coal, but some

MPs' dilemma on private coal industry Department of Energy, not acknowledge that there are dangers that the competition might not be fair and the British coal industry could be seriously undermined.

> The Labour members have also enlisted sympathy on the

Conservative side for their arguments about the social cost of pit closures. They say that closures should be staggered, that efforts to provide new industry should be made in advance of closures not afterwards, and that the effect on communities and the cost of redundancies should be taken into account before closing pits on economic



Miner Iau Grady cradles one of 50 former pit canaries at the mines rescue station in Ilkeston, Derbyshire. The birds are being given to mineworkers now that they have been replaced by electronic meters to test for underground gases. (Photograph: Phil Dunn)

# advancing thickets

officials of the Snowdonia National Park.

The species rhodode ponticam now takes up 34sq km of the park, an area the size of a small city, and is spreading. The bushes, which produce a purple flower in early spring, spread to thick-ets 30 ft high.

Eradication programmes are costly and time-consum-ing, and park officials have called a conference, with for-estry commission experts and are costly and th scientists from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology to seek new ways of combating the

The national park, in north Wales, has drawn up a pro-gramme which would cost £30 million, using conventional methods such as chopping down the plants with a chain saw and spreading herbicides to stop the spread of seedlings.

The Forestry Commission in north Wales said: "Unusually, foresters, farmers and conservationists are united. This particular species is of no use to anybody. It spreads to exclude everything else, and is not a suitable habitat for wildlife."

#### Lifeboat hitch

The lifeboat at Skegness, Lincolnshire, came ashore yesterday after spending 19 hours at sea because the tractor unit used to haul it in had sunk in the mud. The dogs than normal being lifeboat was on a training run. handed in to be put down.

# Park fears | London is host to **25,000 pilgrims**

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent Four important church many, and 2,200 from

buildings in London - St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Yesterday afternoon the or-Abbey and Westminster and ganizers estimated attendance Southwark Roman Catholic at 22,000 from overseas, and cathedrals - were filled last cathedrals - were filled last upwards of 3,000 from night with up to 25,000 young Britain. They are all being men and women for the start accommodated with families of this week's Taizé Commuin the London area, and fed nity pilgrimage to the capital. mid-day by mass catering in marquees at Westminster Ab-They were welcomed by

Brother Roger Schultz, the The event consists of twice founder and leader of Taize. daily mass gatherings for singthe ecumenical monastery in ing and prayer in the four France, who spoke to all four of the meeting places by live relay from St Paul's, where the main buildings, with smaller groups taking part in meditation sessions and in visits tolargest group assembled. church and community Tonight they will be ad-

projects in London. dressed by the Archbishop of Brother Roger said yes-Canterbury, Dr Robert terday he was astonished by Runcie, and tomorrow night the numbers who had come. by Cardinal Basil Hume.

Taize is a mixed Protestant The largest contingent is and Catholic group of men from Italy, from where 5,000 who have taken monastic arrived in Britain yesterday. vows together, while retaining Nearly the same number has their original denominational come from Spain and Ger- allegiances.

## Sad task for RSCPA

The annual post-Christmas got into its gruesome swing vesterday. Between now and Easter.

the RSPCA is expecting the week. traditional influx of puppies given as Christmas gifts but, subsequently, found to be an unwanted.

The organization said that, nationally, returns for the first two weeks of December showed a higher number of

The RSPCA office in Notslaughter of unwanted dogs tingham put down 100 dogs during Christmas week after almost 200 unwanted animals were handed in the previous

At Battersea Dogs' Home in south London, 150 dogs have been handed in since

"Happily, we have found new homes for more than 70 dogs so far," Colonel Harry Sweeney, the home's director general, said yesterday.

didate for the by-election will

be Mrs Rosie Barnes, who was

adopted just two weeks ago to

replace the candidate who ran

a strong third at the last

eneral election.

#### Police are battling to capture soldiers By Craig Seton

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West Midiands police have started a recruiting campaign among soldiers serving with the British Army of the Rhine in West Germany. As a result 82 soldiers, including some who saw action in the Falklands and Northern Ireland have applied to join West Midlands police when their service with the Army ends.

A police recruiting team spent two weeks touring li BAOR centres looking for new recruits as part of the force's plan to achieve its full strength

of 6,700 officers.
Inspector Philip Raw. of the force's recruiting office, said: 'We are looking to the Army because the potential recruits it offers are older, wiser and more stable.

"It does not mean we are looking for tough recruits. simply those who have seen a bit of the world, are used to discipline and responsibility and are physically fit. Many of them are soldiers who have got married and want to settle

West Midlands police are the first provincial force to recruit within the BAOR, although the Metropolitan police annually hold a recruiting campaign in West Germany to attract soldiers nearing the end of their service.

Insp Raw said the campaign by the Midlands force did not mean that it was unable to get all the recruits it wanted from the civilian population in the West Midlands, where un-

employment is high.
He said: "We are still actively recruiting in the ethnic population and among the unemployed at job centres, but Army recruits have certain qualities in a higher percentage than in the general population.

New police recruits from the Army will start as proba-tionary constables

#### **Anderton** angry at probe call Mr James Anderton, Chief

Constable of Greater Mancalls for a public inquiry into the running of his force after "completely unfounded" reports of low morale.

Mr Anderton issued a statement after criticism from two Labour MPs following the resignation last week of Mr

John Stalker, his deputy. Mr Anderton and his force have also been criticized for launching the now-postponed

search for more possible victims of the moors murderers, io mytz tiidi A Sunday newspaper has claimed that senior detectives held secret meetings to voice

concern about the way the force was being run and about Mr Stalker's departure. The deputy chief constable had earlier been reinstated after an inquiry into allegations of misconduct Mr Anderton said yes-

terday: "I have no knowledge of any clandestine meetings. On the contrary I have today received, from senior detectives in the police divisions said to be affected, the strongest protestations over the latest revelations in the media.'

He said suggestions that resignations had left the force with insufficient officers of the right calibre were "an insult to the integrity and ability of serving officers".
The statement said that

detectives were "appalled by stories of low morale, which they contend are untrue." Labour MPs Mr Terry

Lewis (Worsley) and Mr Tony Lloyd (Stretford) have written to the Prime Minister and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, calling for an inquiry into the running of the



#### Greenwich voters voice their misgivings over Labour extremism The SDP-Alliance can-

Labour stands to lose votes in the forthcoming Greenwich by-election if the local party nsists on selecting an extremist candidate.

A small straw poli taken outside the local Labour Party headquarters in Woolwich Road (locked up and with a sad aunouncement of the memorial service arrange for the late MP, Mr Guy Barnett, pinned to the door) revealed that fully three-fifths of former Labour voters were doubtful that they would continue to support the party if an extremist candidate was

At the same time there was some evidence of Labour sup-port slipping to both the Conservatives and the Social Democratic Party.

Nonetheless, an overwhelm- extent confirmed and instified ing majority of the local voters by local election results in the



Mr Barnett's majority of

1,211 gave him only a 3.5 per

cent lead over the Conser-

vatives last time, and Green-

wich is Labour's nineteenth

most vulnerable seat, but elec-

tors of all parties still regard it

That feeling is to a large

as a traditional safe seat.

pected Labour to win.



questioned said that they ex- constituency since the 1983



The other issue that seems

likely to cost Labour votes is

the party's newly adopted non-

tioued yesterday mentioned

this as a principal reason why

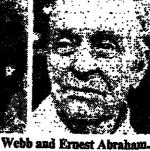
they thought they might not

vote Labour again.

groups and the like, and the bans they used to keep some

The Conservative candidate for the by-election is Mr John

libraries."



newspapers out of our local Antchiffe, aged 25, a financial adviser with a merchant bank and a local councillor representing Blackheath ward which is in the Greenwich naclear policy. A fifth of the former Labour voters quesparliamentary constituency . Mr Autcliffe has lived in

Greenwich borough all his life, and in the parliamentary constituency since he was six. His qualifications as a local man he described yesterday as "the strongest card I have".

The misgivings which some voters have for Labour were cchoed by several of those contacted for the straw poll. Mr Ernest Abraham, a shopkeeper, of Woolwich Road, said: "I am 77 and I can never remember voting for the

> don't think there will be any change this time either." Mrs Marilyn Webb: "I voted Labour before but I would be very adamant against thinking of my children. If we get rid of our nuclear defences I think the country would be

too much at risk." Mr Alan Webb: "I voted Labour last time, but I think I 8,783.

will vote Conservative now. I am attracted by some of the things the Government is doing, and I have just bought my own house."

Miss Hilary Marshall: "I think I voted SDP last time, but I am a newcomer to Greenwich. I might vote Labour here if there was 2 moderate candidate, but it would make a big difference to me if the candidate was extreme left."

Mrs Veronica Waller: "I winner in an election yet. I voted Conservative before. I might vote SDP this time. I do not think I could support -Labour.

But Mrs Jean Bennett said: "I voted Labour before, and I will vote Labour again, whoever the party choose as

General Election: N.G.Barnett. (Lab), 13.361; A. Rolfe, (C), 12.150; T. Ford, (SDP/All). live die de set off

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# Faster services and better stations in Inter-City shake-up

Improvements in British the day is to be improved on Rail's Inter-City services, many routes, and extra trains including the extension of a are to be added to some fully electrified service from London to Norwich from next May, are announced today,

Among the changes are the introduction of two Puliman services linking Birmingham and Sheffield with London. Day visits from many main centres will be possible using new earlier morning or later evening return trains. The spread of trains over

vices, and big investment to improve train catering.

services to ease overcrowding on Fridays. Dr John Prideaux, director of Inter-City, said the new services formed part of a

package of improvements for Inter-City in 1987, its twentyfirst anniversary year. Other improvements included easier access to many stations, with better car parking, provision of more air-conditioned ser-

#### BR cash rolled in after end of cheap first class

ing back cheap off-peak first provincial for:
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> It shows that first class travel accounted for 1.6 per cent of total passenger journeys, but 10.5 per cent of passenger receipts. In 1981, probably the last reasonably typical year before the abolition of first class day returns in May 1983, the figures were similar, although with first class travel accounting for just under 10 per cent of total

> passenger receipts. British Rail said that first class travel contributed so much more to total receipts than to the number of journeys because many second class journeys were made at reduced fares, while first class journeys tended to be for longer dis-tances, mainly at full fares.

Consultative Committee, trains at weekends.

tion by 13,000 London Under-

ground workers could

jeopardize massive gov-

ernment investment in the

system and lead to expansion

plans being scrapped, London

Regional Transport said

yesterday.

The result of a strike ballot

among the workers - which the

Railwaymen is confident will

NUR leaders claim the vote

will not be used to call an

immediate strike but to put

pressure on LRT to review its

efficiency plans which the union believes will lead to

announced next week.

British Rail has agreed to which has been pressing Brit-re-examine the case for bring-ish Rail to bring back the offpeak first class return ticket, has warned British Rail that by failing to do so it has nearly

destroyed first class travel for

ordinary, non-business

travellers. However, it is understood that an internal British Rail report shows that first class travel is growing more rapidly than most other categories.

A first class ticket is normally about 50 per cent dearer than a standard second class ticket, costing, for example £76 for a return journey between London and Manchester, against £50 for the standard second class return fare. However, some tickets offer second class return travel, subject to restrictions, for as little as £23 between the

There remain a number of ways in which it is possible to travel first class for below the standard first class fare. They include season and Rover ticknnces, mainly at full fares. ets and bargain first class The Central Transport travel on some Inter-City

Expansion of Tube 'at risk'

prosperity.

Threatened industrial ac- compulsory redundancies and He admitted that the Both claims are denied by continuing search for in-LRT and executives fear that creased efficiency would lead the union, which campaigned vigorously in the months leadto mannower cuts. "In the last financial year

There will be later trains to

York, Leeds and Newcastle

upon Tyne and there will be

two new Friday services to Edinburgh and Newcastle to

On the west coast mainline to Scotland, there will con-

tinue to be six weekday trains

each way between London

and Glasgow. Some trains will

have additional stops at key

intermediate stations, includ-ing Milton Keynes, Warring-ton and Oxenholme, for the

Journey times on the Mid-land line should be reduced by

a few minutes as re-signallin

at Leicester is completed and

more trains are hauled by the high speed Inter-City 125

Cross country services will also be improved. On the north-east to south-west route,

all the basic services will be

operated by Inter-City 125

trains. The mid-morning

Newcastle to Penzance run

In the late afternoon two

new services will run from

Liverpool to Poole, Dorset,

and there will be an additional

midday train from Poole to

● More than 44,000 miles

of new railway is proposed or

being built in spite of the

economic recession which has

blighted development in re-

cent years, according to a

The rail survey, to be pub-

lished in January, shows that

79 countries see investment in

railways as vital for national

However, Britain has only

five miles of line being built.

worldwide survey.

will take two hours less.

Manchester.

ease congestion.

Lake District.

ing up to the pre-Christmas the Underground carried ballot, will consider a substan-more passengers than at any tial vote in favour as giving time in its history. A strike the green light to a strike would put at risk all the which could cripple inner tremendous achievements we National Union of London commuter services. have made, with full union "We are, in fact, somewhat agreement, in the past few mystified by the ballot. We are years," the spokesman aurocomystified by the ballot. We are now beginning to "We are now beginning to

but the union is saying that it talk about expansion for the wants to force us into proper first time in many years and negotiations. In fact, we are we are justifying the massive committed to proper negotia- investment put into the tions and that is how we will Underground by the

#### Five die in fire set off by candle

By Craig Seton

A candle used by a disabled woman because she could not reach a light switch probably started the blaze which killed a family of five in a crowded flat in Birmingham, fire investigators believe.

Mrs Patricia Bossom, aged 34, who was confined to a wheelchair, died with her three sons and their grandmother aged 70, when the blaze destroyed their two bedroom council flat in King's Norton, Birmingham.

The three boys - from Mrs Bossom's first marriage -were John, aged 14, Simon, aged nine, and Paul, aged six. A male relative, aged 33, of Mrs Bossom, escaped from the inferno, but suffered severe burns and yesterday was seriously ill in Birmingham Accident Hospital.

Firemen wearing breathing gear fought through thick smoke and fierce flames in an attempt to rescue those inside. They found Mrs Bossom lying next to her wheelchair and the boys in a bedroom with their

grandmother. Two of the children died on their way to hospital. Mrs Bossom's husband.

Patrick, aged 39, tried unsuccessfully to tackle the fire when it swept through the flat late on Sunday night before running for help. He escaped serious injury. Assistant Divisional Officer David Bayes, of West Mid-

lands Fire Service, said yes-terday: "Mrs Bossom was disabled and in the evening it was common for her to read by candlelight after the others had gone to bed because she was unable to switch off the lights.

Fire investigators believe that Mrs Bossom fell asleep and the candle toppled over and started the fire.

#### Cross divorce

Lord Cross, the underwriter and former racing driver, is to end his third marriage to the former Mrs Patricia Rossiter. The couple's names appear in the list of divorces to be heard in the High Court in the near

# BBC 'cowardly' in halting Biggs film

Robbery drama withdrawn from tonight's BBC schedule at the demand of a retired Scotland Yard detective, yesterday accused the corporation of cowardice, incom-

petence and waste. "I'm extremely angry and the actors are furious," Mr Μг James Cellan Jones said. He directed the £600,000 film. one of the most expensive to

be produced by the BBC. He said it was now unlikely that the BBC would ever show his film about the capture of the train robber, Ronald Biggs, in Brazil by former Det Chief Supt Jack Slipper and the antics of Fleet Street

iournalists covering it. He claimed that the BBC had lost its nerve in the wake of the libel case brought by two Conservative MPs against a Panorama programme, which ended in a £250,000

settlement. Defying a BBC order to keep silent about the circumstances surrounding the film, Mr Cellan Jones claimed that the decision to postpone the film was taken in spite of legal advice that the programme was not defamatory.

The film was delivered to the Noel Coward drama, Mr the BBC eight months ago but and Mrs Edgehill.

portance of the lullaby to the healthy development of ba-

bies, even before birth, was

recommended at a meeting in London yesterday by Profes-sor Michel Odent, an emment

He supplied evidence to

show the benefits of singing in

He was supported by Sir Yehudi Menuhin, who said:

"It is only in our vast and

synthetic civilization that

mothers no longer sing to their

He was convinced it was

forming a balanced and con-

The observations came

French obstetrician.

children."

tented child.

continue," an LRT spokes- Government,"

The film-maker who di- had not been screened by rected Slip-up, the Great Train executives until three weeks ago, after it had been sched-uled, he said. The BBC said yesterday that

the film had been postponed pending the outcome of discussions with lawyers representing Mr Slipper.

Mr Slipper said that he was prepared to sue the BBC for libel if it had gone ahead with the dramatization of the capture of Biggs and the failed attempt to extradite him.

The film was defamatory and misleading, Mr Slipper said. "I was amazed at the way I'd been portrayed. Besides the numerous inaccuracies throughout the film, it didn't

do me justice."

Mr Slipper said he was pleased that the BBC had postponed the film but would be satisfied only when it was scrapped.

The film, scripted by Kenth Waterhouse from a book by Anthony Delano, stars Jeremy Kemp as Mr Slipper, Larry Lamb as Biggs and Nicholas Le Prevost as Colin MacKenzie, the Daily Express reporter who led Mr Slipper to Biggs to gain a world exclusive.

The film was replaced on BBC-1 tonight by a repeat of

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gist to the Middlesex

Hospital, west London, said

that it was well established

that drink, smoking and drugs

during pregnancy put the un-bern child at considerable

footpath.

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#### Racehorse trainer is found dead

Mr Paul Doyle, an Irish racehorse trainer, was found dead with gunshot wounds to the head in a barn on his stables at the Curragh in Co Kildare early yesterday.

Mr Doyle, in his late thir-ties, who had an international reputation as a bloodstock agent, had been ill for some another 26 miles planned and time. A shotgun was found a further 17 miles being close to his body and police have ruled out foul play.

#### Driver's claim

Mr Carl Lawrence, aged 49, of Albert Terrace, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, a security van driver, is to claim unfair dismissal against Securicor before an industrial tribunal in Birmingham next month over the loss of his job after he handed cash to armed raiders at Trent Vale, Stoke on Trent. last July.

#### Ex-MP sues

Sir Stephen Hastings, the former Conservative MP, yesagainst The Observer and its correspondents David Leigh and Paul Lashmar. The action is over a report of an alleged MI5 plot to oust Sir Harold Wilson as Prime Minister.

#### **Burial ruling**

Mr Jack Heath, from Fenton, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, has been told he must wait five years before the body of his wife, Mrs Annie Heath, aged 71, who died on holiday in Spain and was buried near Benidorm last week, can be exhumed and brought to Britain.

#### Search fails

Police divers searched Ullswater in the Lake District yesterday for a missing Scot-tish solicitor. Mr Gerard Devlin, aged 30, left his home in Uddingston, Lanarkshire, last Tuesday, to visit two Glasgow prisons, but he did not arrive. His car was found the next day at Gowbarrow, Ullswater. The lake search is expected to resume today.

#### Cars blasted

Police are hunting a man with a shotgun who has been blasting cars in Newbury, Berkshire. A driver returned to his parked car yesterday to find it peppered with shot, apparently fired from a mov-ing car. There have been

#### similar incidents. **Erosion chiet**

A full-time management officer is to be appointed to tackle severe erosion caused by thousands of hikers along Park Rangers say new tech-niques are needed to cope with wear and tear on the 250-mile

#### Road safety campaign

#### Drivers steer clear of drink 106 over the holiday last year

for scotch

malt whisky.

Their bunt follows the

discovery of an empty one-and-a-half litre bottle of Glen

Moray on the doormat inside

an off-licence in the town of Street. When the shop was shut for Christmas the bulky

bottle was standing on a

display unit near the door.
"It's amazing what some people will do for a drink,"

Chief Insp Rod Dean, of Somerset police, said yes-terday. "We can only think the

thief used straws or got the

neck of the bottle through the letter box and drank it."

decanted some of the whisky

"They didn't spill any and we have never had anything

like this before." He warned

other shopkeepers to keep their Christmas displays well

almost exactly the same num-

ber of motorists were breath

tested over the holiday as last

year, positive tests fell from 60

Police voted the Christmas

campaign a success in Devon and Cornwall where drivers

failing the breath test were

down to 87 compared with

away from their front door.

Alternatively he may have

Motorists earned the praise of police in most parts of the country for their response to the Christmas "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign, but that was tempered by warnings for equal vigilance over the new year.

Many forces reported positive breath tests and injury accidents down on last year's figures. One noted an increase in cars with drunken passengers but sober drivers.

Spearheading the campaign

rest of the year.
Of the 4,364 drivers stopped

past three years.
Supt Roger Storey, head of the county's traffic division, said the campaign had undoubtedly saved many lives

ined their level of enjoyce

28, 34 tests proved positive compared with 66 over the

said they were "overjoyed". The campaign would continue at its present level throughout

#### The Bench is very much a man's world

ing to statistics from the Lord Chancellor's Office on judicial appointments.

391 crown court judges sitting in England and Wales only 16 are women. judges appointed to crown

Court of Appeal judges or women dealing with House of

Lords appeals. The problem is that there are not sufficient women suitable to become judges, a spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department said

judges."

#### vesterday. "As the pool of women suitable to be appointed becomes larger, hopefully we can look forward to being able to appoint more women as

#### mothers society had changed, and that we lived in particularly stress-

zation dedicated to improving the welfare of the unborn ful and anxious times. child, called the British Soci-She said that the new ling from before conception to after-care of both ety for Pre-Natal Psychology in Medicine, at which Sir after-care of both the mother and the unborn child, but was Yehndi accepted an invitation particularly concerned that mothers did not feel afraid. The first president, elected at the meeting, Dr Michele Clement, an honorary consul-

She said it was essential that the pregnant woman's emotional needs were ap-proached with the same care and attention as her physical ones, and to recognize that the psychological development of the unborn baby was inseparable in the process.

"absolutely indispensable" in risk. There was also clear Dr Clement spoke of her evidence that stress could be just as damaging.
Dr Clement said that it was own research in the development of apparatus for monitorwhen both men were attending essential to recognize that mg early development of the

onstrated the device for detecting the response of the baby to music and other vibrations.

The instrument has been used to demonstrate interference in activity in the aterns because of drugs, cigarettes and alcohol.

The device has shown impairment of babies whose mothers have been on longterm tonics. Other effects have been observed in babies of mothers who take bicarbonate of soda, to relieve heartburn and abdominal discomfort.

It has also shown contentment in babies who have experienced soothing lullabies and other soft music early in their development.

Thief is sucker and injury accidents were down 18 to 93. Police in Somerset are look-ing for a thief with a long straw and a penchant for 12-year-old

was Nottinghamshire, where positive breath tests over the Christmas period were down 38 per cent compared with the

during the year, 123 breath tests proved positive. This figure of 2.8 per cent com-pared with 3.2 per cent for similar campaigns during the

and injuries. In Wiltshire, police intens-

ment throughout the year, culminating in the Christmas campaign. The result was a reduction by almost a half in positive breath tests. Between December 19 and

holiday period last year. The number of injury accidents fell from last year's 76 and two fatals, to 49 and one fatal. A spokesman for the force

In Gloucestershire, where

The bench is still predominantly a man's world, accord-Out of a record number of

And out of a record 50 new

courts last year only three At the top of the legal tree there are about 80 High Court judges, only three of them women. There are no women

#### with 53 drivers over the drink into another container on the limit compared with only 40 other side of the door. "We last year, but at the same time have often had people going on fishing expeditions in shops injury accidents in the county dropped from 94 last Christbefore but usually they drag mas to 75 this year. dothes and stuff out th the letter box," be said.

494 last December.

Also showing a slight in-crease was Staffordshire where 36 drivers gave positive breath samples which was three more than last year. Brawls in which 23 Thames

Arrests for drink-driving

offences in Sussex fell to 267

in the four weeks to Boxing Day, 85 fewer than in the same

period last year and injury accidents were also down,

In Avon and Somerset,

there was a 50 per cent drop in

positive breath tests, but offi-cers reported an increase in

the number of cars with sober

drivers and drunken

There were fewer drinking

holiday, with 217 arrests com-

pared with 352 in the same

period last year. Provisional

The figures in Derbyshire

were against the general trend,

from 494 to 319.

Valley officers were hurt, prompted Assistant Chief Constable Peter Winship, to appeal to new year revellers to go easy on the alcohol.

With 13 of the officers off duty because of their injuries, Mr Winship said: "These people made a mockery of the season of good will. All the disturbances were started by people who had too much to

# Portfolio —Gold—

#### Hopes of new TV realized

Two readers shared yesterday's daily Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000, each receiving £2,000.

Mr R A Thompson, of North Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey, who is in his eighties, had been hoping to buy a replacement for his television set. "Now the extra money will set. "Now the extra money will make that easily possible," he

~ Mr J W Davis, aged 49, an former licensee from Hettonle-Hole, Type and Wear, plans to use his winnings to redecorate his flat. Readers can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope

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Thompson: share in £4,000 prize.

#### Slimmers vote **Duchess** as the top figure

Britain's slimmers' vision of perfection is a combination of royal reality and film star fantasy, according to a survey by Slimming Magazine of its

1.5 million readers.

Nationally, the Princess of drivers in Sussex during the Wales is voted the most attractive woman in the public eye, with the Duchess of York second, ahead of Joan Collins, accident figures also showed the actress. an improvement, to 319 from The Princess of Wales led

two other categories, the prettiest face and best dressed, but 58 per cent of the respondents preferred the Duchess of York's size-12 figure to the Princess's 5ft 10in, size 10. The Duke of York was voted

most attractive man ahead of Tom Selleck and Richard Gere, the actors. Robert Redford, Cliff Richard, Clint Eastwood and Paul Newman were remembered with a 3 per cent vote.

Daly Thompson, the athlete, shared the "best body" title with Tom Selleck. The survey shows that the average slimmer in Britain is a woman, aged 29, married with two, children, 5ft 4in who

weighs 11st 5lb. She believes that overweight people are less attractive. Chocolate, bread and sweets are blamed for her difficulty in attaining her ideal weight of

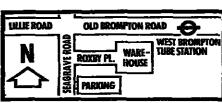
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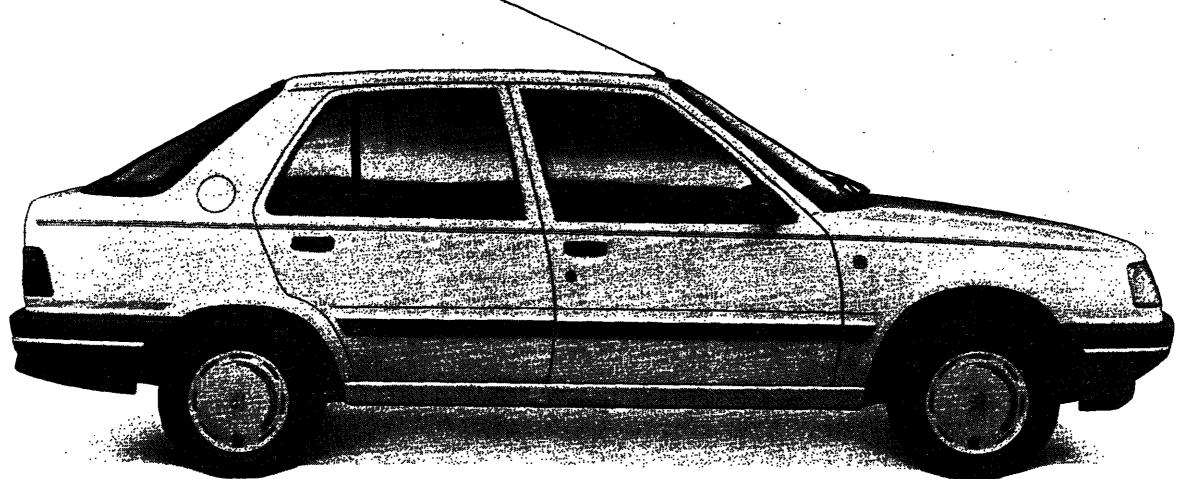
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# Societies aiming at urban renewal and specialized homes

It is natural that the Halifax, as the biggest, should lead the building societies into the housing market. But it has not been driven into it "by some confused notion of social duty". Mr John Spalding, director and chief executive.

Our investment rests on a hard core of commercial logic: to maintain and improve the condition of housing in this country, and to secure our longer-term lending markets,"

Already the Halifax has some 120 projects under way, mostly with housing associations, and a total of about £130 million committed to provide about 5.000 homes, largely in urban renewal schemes and providing sheltered homes for the elderly.

Support for housing initiatives and urban renewal began with a special budget in 1982 tives and urban renewal began with a special budget in 1982 of £35 million. The allocation has grown to £300 million in 1986, representing 5 per cent of total lending.

The new subsidiary com-pany will normally use a 'design and build" approach, using large or medium-size builders.

In the second of two articles, Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, describes building societies' plans to move into housing and particularly into specialized developments.

Mr David Couttie, the society's housing development controller, hopes for involvement in a greater mixture of tenures than in the past, concentrating on:

 Owner occupation, which the society believes could reach saturation at 70-75 per cent (it is now about 64 per cent in England);

The specialist market, such as homes for single people, and developments incorporating offices or showrooms in housing projects, because more people work from home; And ways of developing

as at Swansea docks. It is involved in shared ownership schemes and is also enthusiastic about the regeneration of private rented

Index-linked finance seems to be the answer, it believes, and suggests the partnership

ot building societies, provid-ing index-linked loans, and housing associations.

The Nationwide, which has already completed about 1,600 units, will aim at 2,000 a year, and perhaps more after its merger with the Anglia Building Society. "It is not our job to compete with the volume builder," it states.

"The overtones of our work are social, and we will be aiming at the elderly, disabled, first-time buyers, and those with special needs, extending the range of housing supply and widening the choice through different funding

arrangements."
The Woolwich Equitable
Building Society funds schemes where the purchasers are nominees who buy a leasehold interest through the local authority. The society is determined to pursue its philosophy of providing hous-ing for people who could not otherwise afford it on the open



Ray Reardon in jovial mood at the table with Mr Charlie Pearce and Mrs Helen Hamlyn (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

#### Snooker gives the elderly a new life

Snooker and pool are well in favour among elderly residents of Ellesmere Home in Fulham, west London, after a coaching session yesterday by Ray Reardon, the former world

Mr Reardon coached Mr Charlie Pearce, aged 80, one of lems of the aged.

95 male and female residents
of the residential and day care

Ellesmere administrator, said

home, after officially present-ing the table as a Christmas

The gift was organized by the Helen Hamlyn Foundation, an organization established 12 months ago to seek creative solutions to the prob-

that the table had been in constant use since it was unveiled three weeks ago. Mrs Hamlyn is a frequent visitor.

While lobbying the Government to improve conditions for the elderly, the foundation has co-sponsored an exhibition of products at The bert Museum, South Kensing-

ton, west London, designed to help the aged remain

Mr O'Hearn said that a special feature of life for Ellesmere residents was the opportunity for them to meet and work with three unemployed 17-year-olds, who are spending a year on work experience at the home.

#### Mystery caller says she knows murderer

An anonymous woman tele-phone caller has told detec-tives that she knows the killer of the Bradford teacher, Mr Donald Swaine.

Detectives leading the in vestigation said yesterday that an officer received a telephone call at the Batley police station, 10 miles from the mur-

The woman said she knew who was responsible for the death of Mr Swaine, aged 48. but refused to give personal

details or elaborate Det Supt Ken Baines, who is leading the murder investigation, pleaded for the woman

to get in touch again. "The officer who took the call had a feeling she was being genuine," he said. The woman who rang the police station could be a prostitute who works in the red light district where Mr

Swaine's body was found. Mr Swaine, who worked at

the Drummond Language Centre in Bradford, was walking home to Hazelburst Road. Heaton, Bradford, on Christmas morning after a drink with colleagues from the Youth Hostels Association. He was dragged to a back yard at Highfield Place, Brad-

ford, where he was attacked. Mr Swaine's widow, Brenda, aged 51, and their children. Martin, aged 15, and Helen, aged 13, were being comforted by relatives.

#### Fair rent panels criticized

A housing aid centre has alleged that a system of fixing a fair rent for private tenants seems loaded against the

The criticism comes in the wake of a case of a Norwich man whose rent was first lowered by £15 a month by a fair rent officer, then increased by £70 a month by a rent assessment committee after an

appeal by his landlord. Shac, the London housing aid centre, said such cases were common and called for assessment committees to be scrapped, leaving the fair rent officer's decision to be challenged in the courts.

The fair rent system, administered by the Department of the Environment, was designed to stop unscrupulous landlords charging excessive

Shac points out, however. that according to government figures for 1985, assessment committees increased rents above a rent officer's recommendation in 57 per cent of cases. A lower rent was recommended in only 16 per cent of

In London, committees increased rents above an officer's recommendations in 70 per cent of cases and reduced rents in 7 per cent.

Shac said: "One criticism of these committees is that they are packed with 'property professionals' appointed from the local great and good, and they tend more towards the

landlord's point of view."

The Department of the Environment dismissed the criticism and pointed out that people from different walks of life were appointed to the

#### Dog-bite athlete reassured

Eamonn Coghlan, the inter-national athlete who was savaged by a dog set on him by two teenagers as he was out training in Dublin, hopes to be back in training when he returns to the United States next week.

Fears that severe tissue damage caused by bites to his right calf and left thigh could put his career in jeopardy were allayed by surgeons yesterday after the athlete underwent two operations. But it will be some days before the full extent of the damage is

The world 5,000 metres champion and holder of the indoor mile record said he hoped to resume training for the United States indoor season. His left hand was broken when he tried to ward off the terrier dog, which had been told "get him, get him" by the

He had rebuked them for shouting bad language to a woman and her child.

Mr Coghlan, aged 33, was visited in hospital yesterday by his wife, Yvonne, and their

#### **Rescuer dies**

Miss Gladys Gale, aged 64, who was badly burnt rescuing her collie dog from her blazing Wiltshire home last Friday, died late on Sunday. Firemen took her from her house in Codford St Mary still clutching the dog.

#### Blandford case

Lord Blandford, aged 31, will appear before magistrates at Thame, Oxfordshire, on January 15 accused of speeding on the Oxford ring road.

#### Shelbourne dispute

# Elegant hotel is unusually quiet

Ireland", as a strike by more than 100 workers enters its

twelfth week.

Visitors arriving at the
Trust Hoose Forte hotel in
Dublin are greeted by picketing staff demanding better
pay. Where once the head
porter, Mr James Dixon,
would greet them inside the
hotel's foyer, he can now be
found along with other colfound along with other coleagues out on the street with fellow members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

Although the management has entered the festive spirit by decorating the hotel's ground floor function rooms, staff admit privately that business has been affected seriously by the dispute.

The 177-room hotel's ban-queting facilities are not operating, and while the bar, dining room, and lounge remain open they are not as busy as usual for the Christmas period. Other botels in the city report an increased number of people who used to stay at the people who used to stay at the Shelbourne coming to their premises during the past few

Staff from the hotel group in Britain, together with people recruited since the dispute started, have belped keep the Shelbourne's doors open during a strike that shows little

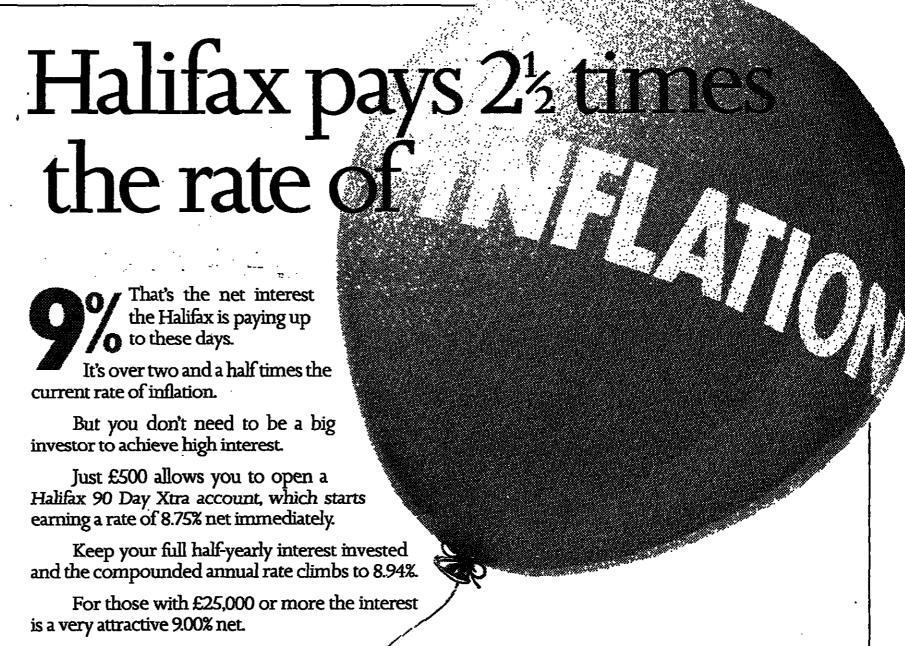
Things are unusually quiet campaign published a mock at the Shelbourue Hotel, the most distinguished address in prices opposite job descripprices opposite job descrip-tions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "with mawage levels", and compared the Ir£18 for slices of fresh salmon cooked in butter and served on a sauce of white wine and samphire with the Ir£13.60 earned by a waitress for an eight-hour day, and added: "She couldn't afford the meal she served."

The ITGWU says that basic earnings at the hotel, which employs 170 people, are lower than in other comparable establishments in the city and in particular with THF's other property, the International Airport Hotel. The union also complains about the distribu-tion system of the 15 per cent service charge payable on food and room receipts claiming that the company takes 2.5 per cent to supplement the earn-ings of a number of employees.

THF said that it would not negotiate under duress, but added that it had implemented a 6 per cent pay award plus an extra Ir£3 a week recom-mended by the Labour Court in the republic. It said: "We have acted in accordance with accepted practices in dealing with disputes of this kind." It claimed that the hotel was

operating normally On Friday evening at 9pm sign of an early settlement.

It is being organized by the ITGWU, which as part of its the lounge. however, there were just 12



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A secret report by the ings from lawyers and political Justice Ministry has cleared opponents of Mr Shamir, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, of any responsibility for the death of two Palestinians at the hands of the Shin Bet counter intelligence agency and for the subsequent cover-up.

The scapegoat for what happened is Mr Avraham Shalom, who was forced to resign as head of Shin Bet over the affair and who, like ten other agents involved, was

The High Court granted a defence request and post-poned, until Frebruary 16, the hearing of war crimes charges against Ivan John Demjanjuk, alleged executioner of Treblinka.

granted a Presidential pardon after admitting improper and criminal behaviour.

The report also exonerated Mr Shimon Peres, who was Prime Minister during a rigged inquiry into the case, and Mr Moshe Arens, who was Defence Minister when the killings occurred. It concludes there is no point in prosecuting any of the pardoned agents nor the unpardoned former deputy head of Shin Bet, Mr Reuven Hazak, who knew what was happening but who then forced the affair into the open.

Mr Shamir was delighted with the outcome and "satisfied that the truth is now out". Those who had criticized him should now eat their

There has been immediate



The report is based on a three month long secret investigation by police which was ordered into the way the two Palestinians were beaten to death by Shin Bet agents after being taken off a bus they are said to have helped to hijack in April 1984.

Two official inquiries into the matter failed to reach any meaningful conclusions largely because the evidence put to them was rigged by Shin Bet lawyers. After Mr Hazak revealed what had been going on the Government agreed in July with the utmost reluctance to the police inquiry.

The 65-page report has found that Mr Shamir, although Prime Minister and so responsible for Shin Bet at the time of the killings, was personally unaware of what happened. More importantly it discounts the allegation of Mr Shalom that the killings and cover-up had been carried out "on authority and with permission so as to maintain the security of the state".

This clear suggestion that Mr Shamir directly ordered the murders and rigging of evidence was later watered down to the allegation that he had issued a general instruction to kill all captured terrorists. In an interview when the inquiry was set up Mr Shamir denied that any such instruction existed but went on: "It wasn't in the form of instruction. It was a conversation ... there was no instruction. criticism of the report's find- that's mere talk."



Brother Clement Mullanger, of the Anglican Society of Sacred Mission in the tiny town of Modderpoort, in South Africa's Free State, leads worshippers in Christmas celebrations in a cave, thus perpetuating the ancient tradition of early Christians who sought to keep their worship secret from persecutors.

Happier to live in Siberia

# Moscow branded Maryana as a witch

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The latest and most bizarre result of the Soviet media's new policy of glasnost (openness) has been the disclosure of the extent to which medieval superstitions and a belief in old-fashioned witchcraft are still thriving among well-educated young urban dwellers in the Soviet Union.

The finding was published in the latest edition of the popular magazine, Rabonitsa (Working Woman), which in-vestigated the disturbing case of a young woman identified only as Maryana, who was forced into self-inc osed exile in Siberia after being condemned as a witch in the

The article has provided public confirmation of the cassion of this dreadful conviction held by many lead-phenomenon should appear in

main far more deeply rooted in should find support in sensible the Soviet character than public opinion.?" Soviet officials have until recently been prepared to admit. the woman's troubles had The investigation was begun at school when she and branched after the woman, branded as a 20th century

Soviet witch, appealed to the magazine's editors for help after being driven from ber home only "a 40-minute train ride" from Moscow. "It seems that a great many

ople believe in all sorts of hewitchment and casting spells." Marvana wrote.

"Even a high education does not hinder this belief. Is it not time that some serious dising Western observers that print so that victims like superstitions of all kinds remyself, of such absurd tales,

> The magazine reported that a friend were going out with two local boys, one of whom died suddenly of brain cancer Their chemistry teacher

suggested that an evil spell had been cast on the dead boy and rumours began circulating that Maryana was a witch Her friend then claimed she had cast a spell which had wrecked her marriage and a

teacher claimed that her son

Maryana arrived in the town.
"Maryana's friends and acquaintances all accepted the fact that she was indeed a

their eyes or cross the road," the magazine said. "It would be timely to remind the reader that this took place not in the dark middle-ages, but in our own

enlightened century, which we call atomic, not to mention, The article added that the woman became such an "ob-

had been born with a conge tal disease only because his birth coincided with the year

witch and whenever she met them they would either lower

town that she finally left for northern Siberia, where she now lives much more happily.

There is officially no unthere are doubts about whether the Hungarian economy is elastic enough to absorb quickly those made

# Redundant labour faces socialist version of the dole

part series on Hungarian financial reforms, Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent, looks at their impact on employment prospects in

industry.

Next year is the year when the sacred cows of Hungarian the burdle at the industry begin to buckle at the knees. As the Government withdraws subsidies from traditionally protected sectors - the steel and engineering

industries, meat processors and coal mines, among others
- so large scale redundancies are becoming more common. It is officially estimated that between 150,000 and 200,000

jobs will have to go between now and 1990, with workers being "redirected." Some of the cuts that come into force this year include: Seven thousand railway

jobs. Because the authorities reduced their subsidy to Hungarian Railways, operating profits have dropped from about 10 billion forints (£140 million) to the 1986 level of

• There is no room any more for evangelists of simple socialist equality in Hungary 9

600 million forints (just over £10 million).

• About 200 workers will be shed from the Meat Processing Company in southern Hungary and several other plants, processing mainly pork, will be announcing similar redundancies in the next few months.

• Plant closures in a Hungarian foundry near the Czecho-Slovak border will lead to the dismissal of about 600 workers, and a further 1,500 will be laid off before 1990.

employment under communism and all the dismissed workers will be offered new jobs. But with scores of enterprises close to bankruptcy, The new year is expected to

bring a much sharper im-plementation of the Hungarian bankruptcy laws which permit creditors and unpaid suppliers to take defaulting companies to court. It is all part of a structural upheaval and a large number of workers in sick industries are likely to

The unions have negotiated a special "reintegration" grant for laid off workers. But

#### Hungary's economy Part 2

though union leaders deny it the system sounds suc. piciously like the dole.

The unions have become an important part of the equation in Hungary - and indeed in all Soviet bloc countries preparing to introduce market-style measures. Since the banning of Solidarity in Poland one noticed a distinctive trend: Communist unions now form the fiercest resistance to

This emerged not only at a recent congress of the Polish Government-sponsored unions - where the speech of union leader Mr Alfred Miodowicz sounded distinctly conservative — but also in Hungary. One of the top party leadership in Hungary, Mr Károly Grosz, sometimes regarded as a hard-liner, has recently been emphasizing the need for income differentials

"We are constantly required to call to account those people who are smarter, more dili-gent and more talented than others in order to ask them to explain their high wages," Mr Grosz said. "But it is obvious: their incomes are higher because they are smarter, more diligent and talented. Should we hit these people on the head and force them con-stantly to defend themselves? We will not choose this approach.

This could be regarded as a direct assault on the trade unions which have been pressing for much smaller incomes differentials. But there is no room any more for evangelists of simple socialist equality in Hungary. When the party leadership makes a rare reference to equality it refers only to the somewhat dubious 'equality of opportunity."

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The deeper one probes the more obvious become the parallels between what is happening in the East and the changes underway in the West. That does not necessarily mean that Hungary is smuggling capitalism into the Soviet bloc. Rather it suggests that industrialized countries in both East and West are facing difficult problems of modernization and that there

are few available options. But after four decades of sheltered living the new financial revolution in Hungary will be profoundly shocking to ordinary people, more un-nerving than similar developments in the West. Concluded

#### 18 die in Christmas massacre

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

Eighteen people were killed Eighteen people were killed in a Christmas Day massacre as separatist tribal guerrillas raided a border village in Bangladesh's troubled southeastern Chittagong Hill Tracts region, the Interior Ministry disclosed yesterday.

The guerrillas came from

The guerrillas came from the eastern Indian state of

Tripura. The massacre occurred two days after at least 20 people were killed when the outlawed Shanti Bahini — which has been fighting for a separate homeland for half a million Chakma and Marma tribesmen since 1976 - attacked the frontier town of Ramgarh.

Police said most of the Christmas Day victims were ethnic Bengali Muslims, resettled in the tribal village of Marishya.

Authorities said the two bloody incidents halted the repatriation of more than 10,000 tribesmen who fled to India last April as security forces stepped up an anti-insurgency drive.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh and Indian officials began talks yesterday to halt the cross-border fighting

#### Punjab at standstill for protest

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi

Following a call by the All-India Sikh Students Federation for a two-day hartal (closure) from yesterday, the state of Punjab was practically at a standstill and even Hindus did not open shops, despite the advice of Shiv Sena, a Hindu militant body. Apart from isolated incidents of violence, the protest was peaceful.

The action, supported by militants and the Akali breakaway group of Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the former Punjab Chief Minister, was called in protest at death sentences imposed on three assassins of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the late Prime Minister, and delay in the release of more than 300 Sikhs detained at Jodhpur since 1984.

Buses and trains remained idle in most parts of the state. In many cities Sikhs youths went on to the streets to shout slogans in support of Khalistan, the concept of an independent state for Sikhs.

In Amritsar district police yesterday arrested 12 extremists who were said to have been responsible for the death of a village headman

#### Rebels renew attacks after Barre victory From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

As Somalis went to the polls continue the struggle to topple

confidence, returning him to accident.

power for another seven-year term, rebel forces of the Somali National Liberation Movement (SNLM), suddenly to be working only two hours a day on medical advices. Movement (SNLM), suddenly renewed their anti-Government attacks after a long dormant period.

According to the Ethiopian-based Radio Halgan, operated that 4.8 million voted in solling for the sale candidate.

The rebel broadcast said the attack was on Gumburra, nearly 20 miles from Hargeisa.

A rally took place in the seaside capital on Sunday to celebrate the victory for soldier-politician.

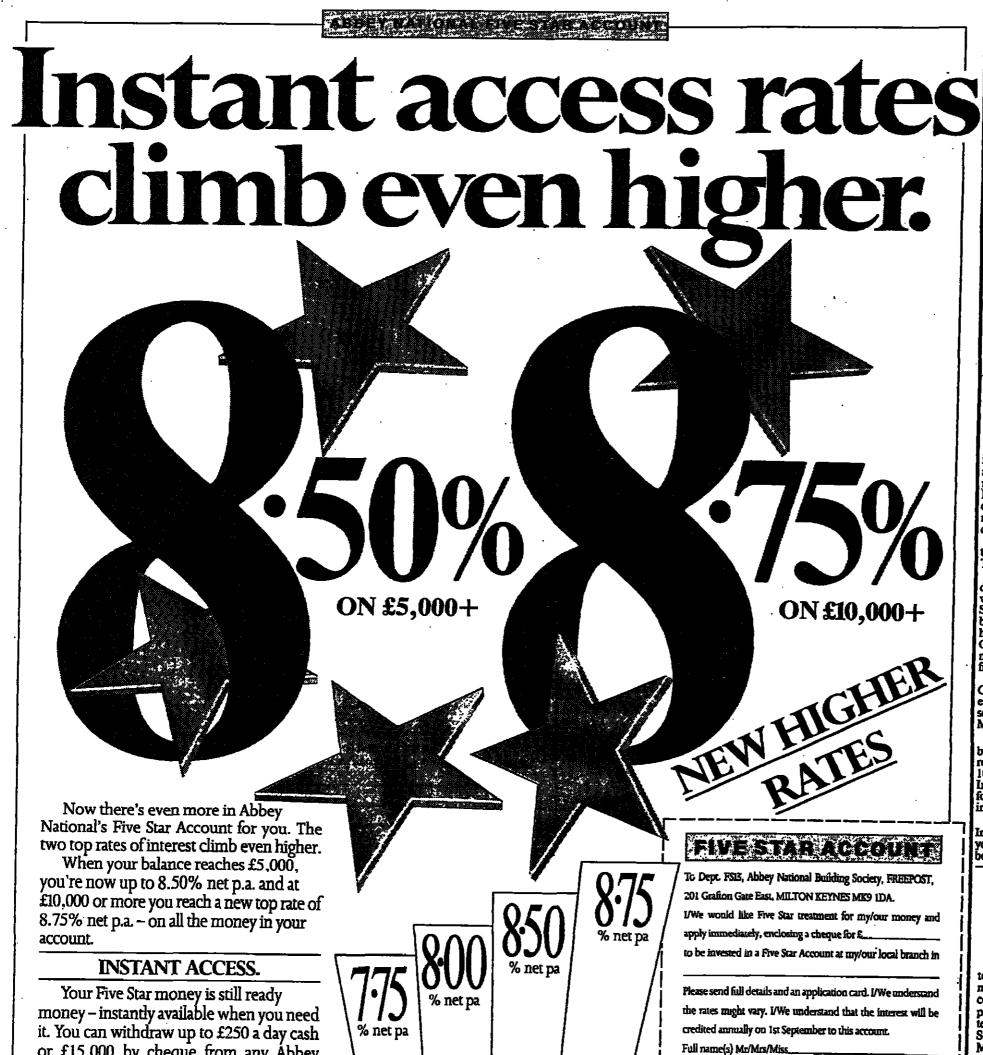
to give President Siad Barre a the Somali leader, who was massive 99.93 per cent vote of seriously hurt last May in a car

by the SNLM, they launched a polling for the sole candidate major attack on an army base on December 23. The 99.93 in northern Somalia, killing percent vote compares with a 99.91 vote he was said to have troops, including their com-mander, Colonel Ahmed Na-mander, Colonel Ahmed Na-mander similar circum-

which serves as the Army's dier-politician, who seized battalion headquarters.

The radio also denounced

President Barre is officially the latest presidential election aged 67, but some believe him as a fraud and pledged to to be much older.



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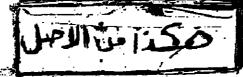
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From David Watts

Tokyo
The Japanese Government has removed an important

psychological brake on its defence expenditure with a

decision to exceed a selfimposed limit of 1 per cent of gross national product next

The decision came as the climax of several days of bargaining between the Direc-

tor-General of the Defence Agency, Mr Yuko Kurihara, and the Minister of Finance, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, as the

Government and bureaucracy

put the final touches to next

Only overseas development

aid and domestic provisions for investment by Gov-

ernment and local authorities. apart from defence, will be allowed significant increases

in expenditure in the budget,

details of which will be an-

The 1 per cent ceiling on defence spending, first introduced a decade ago, has

been an important reassur-

come a military power.
The possibility of breaching

the I per cent barrier has been

discussed for years but only in

the past year or so has the Government indicated it was

The decision to allow de-

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WORLD SUMMARY

## Risk of new blast at German hotel

Bonn - Firemen yesterday were burning off leaking liquid gas at a Bayarian winter resort hotel amid the risk of a fur-ther explosion following a blast last Saturday that killed seven guests and injured 12 others (John England writes). The Hotel Riessersee, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, near

the German-Austrian border, was declared a high-danger area after unsuccessful attempts to introduce nitrogen into the gas pipes to prevent another explosion.

Four of the injured, who suffered burns to up to 80 per cent of their skin, were still critically ill yesterday. The last of the dead, a man whose body was recovered from a wrecked wing of the hotel on Sunday, had also not been

A guest from Bona, named as Herr Eckhart Bialas, aged 46, was reported as missing as experts from the state police bureau waited for firemen to give them the all-clear to begin, sifting the wreckage for definite evidence on the cause of the

Airstrip proposal

Pretoria (Reuter) -South Africa yesterday confirmed reports it had plans to build an airstrip on Marion Island in the Antarctic, but ignored allegations that it was connected with nuclear missile tests.

Mr John Wiley, the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries, said Pretoria was investigating the "ecological" effects of building an airstrip on the island. He said an airstrip would improve South Africa's control of the fishing zone around the island.

70 killed in Sudan

Nairobi - Before the rebel troops of the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) declared a Christmas truce, they killed more than 70 Government sol-diers in heavy fighting near Juba, capital of the south-ern Sudan (A Correspondent writes).

According to a rebel broadcast, monitored in Nairobi, the main battle took place outside Mongalia, on the White Nile, and also resulted in the destruction of some military vehicles.

Singapore reshuffle

Singapore (Reuter) - Mr Suppiah Dhanabalan, the Singapore Foreign Minister, was given the additional portfolio of National Development Minister in a Cabinet reshuffle announced yesterday and due to take effect from January 1.

Also promoted in the reshuffle were the acting Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong (son of the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Knan Yew), the acting Labour Minister, Mr Lee Yock Suan, and the acting Community Development Minister, Mr Wong Kan Seng. All three were made full

Mr Dhanabalan takes over as National Develop Minister from Teh Cheang Wan, who died on December 14. In other changes, Mr Richard Hu Tsu Tan relinquished his concurrent appointment as Health Minister but will remain as Finance Minister.

Mr Yeo Cheow Tong, Minister of State for Health, was named acting Health Minister.

Libyan victory

Paris (AP) - Press reports said yesterday that the desert outpost of Zouar at the edge of the Tibesti Mountains in extreme northern Chad fell to the Libyan forces that had been attacking it since December 19. The Chadian Embassy would not confirm or deny the report.

Unnamed sources in Paris said the Libyans seized Zouar in fighting Sunday night and yesterday morning.

Refugees to move

Bangkok (AP) - A ma-Cambodian refugee holding centre will be closed on New Year's Eve and its 25,000 residents will be sent to border camps, a senior Thai of-ficial said yesterday.

Mr Prasong So secretary-general to the Thai Prime Ministersaid the decision stemmed from Theiland's dissatisfaction with the slow rate of acceptance of Indochinese refugees by Western nations.

Arabs' second satellite

Abu Dhabi (AFP) - The beard of the Arab Organization for Space Communications and Satellites (Arabsat) began a two-day meeting here yesterday to discuss plans to launch

the second generation of Arab satellites.

The meeting, the 39th of the 22-member organization, is chaired by Mr Faisal Zeidan, the Sandi Arabian Communications Under-Secretary, and is being attended by representatives from the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Kuwait, Syria, Oman, Algeria and Morocco.

Birthday amnesty

Kathmanda (AP) Some 202 prisoners had their prison terms remitted and were set free yesterday on the occasion of King Birendra's 42nd birthday, the Home Affairs Ministry

The men had been serving terms ranging from one month to 20 years after being convicted of theft and other crimes.

Shuttle

Dayouts

Washington (AP) - The
Justice Department said
yesterday it has reached
confidential, out-of-court
settlements with the families of the school teacher,
Mrs Christa McAuliffe,
and three other astronauts
who died in the explosion who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. The settlements are to be paid "over an ex-tended period".

Voyager couple set for the big sell

After collecting medals tions to travel to London, from President Reagan here today, Dick Rutan and Jeana Mr Riva is a New York Yeager, the pilots who went around the world on one tank of fuel in their experimental aircraft, Voyager, will embark on a whirlwind journey to conquer the high-flying world of marketing.

Mr Rutan, aged 49, a Viet-nam combat veteran and his pretty 34-year-old co-pilot, have already become the darlings of the American talk-show circuit. But just days after the historic trip they begin a high-powered cam-paign that could bring them millions of dollars from books, television appearances, commercial endorsements and even a film based on their

pioneering flight. Dan Card, the business manager for the Voyager, admitted that the two pilots "have been aggressively and actively marketed and promoted. A book is in the works and a movie is bound to

follow. In one office in the California desert town of Mojave, where the Voyager began and finished its global journey. Peter Riva had been hired to answer hundreds of telephone \_calls requesting interviews. Already there are invita-

literary agent and the grand-son of the film star Marlene Dietrich. "Fd. love to see somebody exciting play the parts. Maybe Robert Redford for Dick and somebody with

spunk and character like Sissy Spacek to do Jeana's role." Since the end of their journey Miss Yeager and Mr Rutan have been trying to catch up on their sleep and fit in television talk-show

Mr Rutan told interviewers there had been moments of fear during the nine-day, non-stop 26,000-mile odyssey." was scared a few times, going through ferocious thunder-storms and on the last leg when we lost our rear engine."

Then turning to his slender co-pilot, he added: "The courage of this thing, rubbing my neck and my shoulders and saying, 'We can get through. We can get through', was tremendous."

The interviews ended with Mr Rutan noting: "Here are the answers to the two mostasked questions - No. Jeana is not related to Chuck Yearer and we put it in a bag and dropped it overboard."



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Striking French railwaymen marching in front of a stranded train yesterday during a protest demonstration at Marseille's Saint-Charles station.

French rail peace hope grows after concession

From Diana Geddes Paris

Fresh hopes for a settlement of the 12-day-old French rail strike arose yesterday when the SNCF management announced that it was ready to re-open official talks with the unions today in view of what it described as a significant improvement in train services.

Last week, M Jean Dupuy, the head of the state-owned French railways, had said that negotiations on pay, working conditions and the new meritbased salary scales, could not resume until all the strikers returned to work.

However, by the weekend, M Dupuy had already begun talking of the possibility of opening informal talks, as it became clear that the railwaymen had no intention of calling off their strike.

Now he has changed his mind again to allow the resumption of formal negotiations, broken off eight days ago, after what appears to have been only a minimal improvement in an otherwise chaotic situation.

Indeed, the only significant change yesterday seemed to be the partial re-opening of the and Roman Catholic churches Gare du Nord in Paris permitment, the resumption of 40 per cent of normal services though that figure is contested by the strikers.

Elsewhere, conditions seemed to be much the same as on the previous day, with only between one-in-three and one-in-four trains running, often at unscheduled times, and frequently subject to un-predictable delays caused by strikers blocking the lines.

Meanwhile, the Government is continuing to refuse to intervene directly in the dispute. Nevertheless, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, who cancelled a planned New Year's holiday in Tunisia in order to follow developments, called a ministerial meeting yesterday to discuss the political implications of the strike and to consider possible alternative means of transport.

Earlier, M Chirac held talks with President Mitterrand on what was described as the "internal French situation." President Mitterrand is due to go on television tomorrow to give his traditional New

Year's Eve address. Coming hard on the heels of the student demonstrations, the present rail dispute is seen as another potentially damaging blow to the conservtative Government's image, as well as to its wages policies. M Chirac is determined this time not to give in so easily.

"The whole Government is keeping a close watch on developments in this social conflict, and hopes that acceptable solutions — which will not undermine the economic-recovery now in process — will be found in order to bring an end to a dispute which is harmful for the nation," M Denis Baudouin, the Prime Minister's spokesman, said vesterday.

If the predictions of the

latest opinion poll on next month's West German federal

election come true, not only will the Social Democratic

Party (SPD) emerge with its

tream of toppting Chancellor Kohi shattered, but also with a huge campaign debt.

The SPD is spending the equivalent of £17.4 million on its election campaign more

its election campaign, more

than any other party, but according to the opinion poll it

will win less than 34 per cent

of the vote, compared with

about 55 per cent for the

government coalition parties.

For the SPD, that result

would mean the party would

end up £7 million in the red.

Britain and Guatemala resume diplomatic relations

Treaty ignores Belize question

By Andrew McEwan Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain and Guatemala yesterday announced the resumption of full diplomatic relations after a 23-year break. Both countries are to nominate ambassadors soon. The cause of the long si-

lence, however, remains unsettled. Guatemala has not renounced its territorial claims to Belize, formerly the tion of territorial claim. But colony of British Honduras, Britain's position is that it has and Britain has not under-taken to withdraw its 1,600 talks between Guatemala and troops from Belize, which it keeps there to guarantee the country's independence.

Underscoring continuing the past.
differences, the British version The

of the agreed statement was one paragraph shorter than the Spanish document. Although unavailable in London, the Spanish document was said by Whitehall sources to contain a reference to Guatemala's claim.

The sources expected the agreement's wording to indicate that Britain would try its hardest to settle the question of territorial claim. But Belize can resolve their differences. Britain has acted as an observer in direct talks in

The announcement made

no reference to the British colony was granted self-govgarrison, but the sources said: ernment, and then in 1981 It will remain for an appropriate period to assist with external defence and the training of the Belize defence

The Belize issue has undermined relations between Britain and Guatemala for nearly half a century. As long ago as 1939 Guatemala denounced the UK-Guatemala Treaty of 1859, which recognised the boundaries between British Honduras and Guatemala. Guatemala broke off rela-

tions in two stages. Diplomatic links were severed in

ance to many members of the opposition and the public that the country's defence spending would not run out of when Belize attained indepencontrol and, for neighbouring dence, it cut consular countries, a reassurance that Japan would not again berelations.

The establishment of a civilian Government in Guatemala this year paved the way for talks. These led to a resumption of consular relations in August with a de-clared goal of full restoration by the end of the year.

Until November it appeared unlikely that the target date would be achieved, but the goal was realized after a meeting in Miami between Lady Young, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, 1963 when the newly renamed and President Cerezo.

> Nakasone the man to break mould

month.

The US Government will be delighted that Japan is now demonstrably willing to share more of the burden of its own defence and that of the Pacific.

The Government of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, himself a former Director of the Defence Agency, clearly felt that there would never be a more propitious time than now to break this particular taboo after the Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) landslide elec-

tion victory in July. Mr Nakasone is the most popular Japanese leader in recent history and no one is better fitted than he to dispose of potentially unpopular decisions before he is due to leave

office in October next year. The Defence Agency originally requested a 6.7 per cent increase in defence spending, the Finance Ministry cut it back to 4.1 per cent in initial bargaining but after intervention by senior figures in the LDP several of the agency's requests were restored and the increase went up to 5.2

percent The practical effects of the decision - the restoration of four F15 jet fighters, three Lockheed P3C Orion anti-submarine aircraft and one support vessel and other less glamorous items to the military's shopping list - are miniscule compared to the psychological effects of allowing defence spending to take up a larger part of the budget

each year.
Japan's constitution, after all, still maintains that the country will not retain armed forces and pledges forever to renounce the right to settle disputes by force.

## Monks in clash over Bethlehem clean-up

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Armenian monks shouted traditionally theirs. down a Greek monk from a ladder in the Basilica of the and Greeks came to blows Holy Nativity in Bethlehem yesterday when he tried to clean more of the church than was permitted in a complicated inter-confessional agreement.

Yesterday was general cleaning day in the basilica when the Greek, Armenian all clean those parts of the

Iran and

**US** closer

to deal

From Mohsin Ali Washington

American and Iranian negotiators were meeting at The

Hague yesterday to discuss \$500 million (£342 million) of

frozen Iranian assets held in

US accounts, according to a

spokesman for the Iran-US

claims by both countries as

part of the agreement reached

in Algiers that year to resolve

the crisis over 52 American

hostages held in Tehran for

An Iranian official in The

Hague yesterday expressed optimism and said a deal may

be worked out within two

days. The talks could have

Iranian leaders have re-

cently suggested that the un-

freezing of their assets, including the \$500 million,

could encourage Tehran to intervene on behalf of Ameri-

can hostages held in Lebanon.

Iran is claiming \$500 mil-lion in assets plus interest

accrued over the years. This case is one of about 4,000 still

outstanding.
Since the tribunal was set up

five years ago about 900 cases

The US is reported to have

agreed in principle to return most of the \$500 million plus

interest, but details still have

to be worked out, including

the wording of an Iranian pledge that it would make no further demands once this

(Under the West German

system a rebate of campaign

costs is paid to the political parties at the rate of £1.74 per head of the electorate — about

45 million - calculated on

Calls on the party by Herr Johannes Rau, the SPD's candidate for the chancellor-

ship, to fight for every vote in a

bid for "our own majority" are

therefore given a fervent "amen" by the party treasurer. Nevertheless, the SPD would

have to gain 55.6 per cent of

the vote to break even on its

votes won.)

From John England, Bonn

have been settled.

significant political by-

The tribunal was set up in 1981 to settle compensation

claims tribunal.

more than a year.

Two years ago Armenians over the wall and last year an uneasy truce was only maintained when one Greek monk on a ladder was allowed to clean as much of the wall as he could reach with a hand broom. This year, however, he tried to stretch further. But the

shouting of the Armenians below persuaded him to leave

**Juan Carlos ignores** ski resort hotel blast From Richard Wigg, Barcelona

King Juan Carlos of Spain was out on the slopes ski-ing as planned in Baqueira Beret yesterday, in spite of a bomb exploding only hours before in the leading hotel of the Pyre-nean resort where some of his security men were staying.

The bomb, claimed by Eta to be its work, went off less

If responsibility is confirmed, this will be the nearest the Basque armed separatist organization has come to striking against the King and the royal family. An anonymous caller gave

two warnings about threequarters of an hour before the 7 am explosion, including one than 1,000 yards from the to the fire brigade in Viella, chalet the royal family owns. The bomb had been planted chalet the royal family owns.

No one was injured but the behind a water meter near one third floor of the hotel was of five bedrooms badly



The peace activitist, Mr Philip Berrigan, left, among demonstators removed by police from the Pentagon in Washington where they protested against US testing of nuclear weapons.

#### Losing face on the beat in western Japan

Tokyo - Police in western Japan are still shamefaced north."
over the day they had to When launch a big manhunt for one of their own officers, after a case of bicycle theft. They found him 17 hours later, cycling away from his pursuers (David Watts writes).

It was 19-year-old Patrolman Yuji Kurita's first week on duty, and one night he conscientiously radioed in to report that he was questioning a young lady about a bicycle. But the last thing his superiors

spend £13.9 million on its campaign. Meanwhile, its Bavarian sister-party, the Christian Social Union (CSU)

of Herr Franz Josef Strauss, is

Herr Martin Bangemann's Free Democratic Party (FDP),

the junior partner in the Government coalition, has allocated £2.09 million for its

show a profit on its rebate.

still doing its sums.

heard him say was: "She fled

When Patrolman Kurita had not returned to his police box by the next morning, Himeji police launched a manhunt with 440 men, two dogs and a helicopter. When found, he explained that he let the woman go when she said the bike was her brother's, only to be informed minutes later that it was stolen. Instead of admitting he had been duped on his first case, Kurita set off on his 17-hour odyssey.

German election to cost SPD dearly return a profit on its campaign outlay of roughly £1.2 million. The anti-big business Greens, according to its an-nual report released in October, is now the second-richest political party in West Ger-many, with much of its money invested in shares and bonds. The report said the party was worth a total £11.9 million at

campaign, less than half its expenditure on the last elec-Despite its campaign budget worries, the SPD remains the wealthiest party with a re-ported £59.7 million to its tion in March 1983. If it achieves the 8.5 per cent given to it by the opinion poll, it will credit. The CDU bank balance Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) will the Greens Party, as the poll forecasts, wins 10.8 per cent of the vote it will also is put at £2.9 million, while the FDP is suffering a deficit of £2.4 million.

the end of 1985.



# Students defy authorities with Peking protest march

Peking (Reuters) - Students units were responsible for at Peking Teachers' Universeeing posters were not put up sity staged a march early on their premises. Wall-postyesterday morning in defiance . ers have been widely used by of a ban on unapproved students in rallying support demonstrations and amid for marches in at least 10 cities increasing official impatience across China this month, callwith China's wave of campus ing for more democracy and

The Peking Evening News am between 200 and 300 other city campuses. But students there refused to join them, so they dispersed "disappointed".

The march, the first in Peking since tight controls on demonstrations in the capital were announced on Friday, was held despite a barrage of official warnings to students to stay off the streets.

Yesterday, all main newspapers carried toughly-worded editorialsstating that it was unconstitutional to oppose socialism and the ruling Com-munist Party and told people not to ape what it called "the fake democracy of capitalist

who spread nihilism, denigrated China and advocated all-round Westernization.

A Western diplomat said reported that shortly after 2 the stern language used in the official press over the past few students marched to three days showed growing impatience with the student unrest. "Protests now are becoming increasingly dangerous. The price of dissent has risen in the past few days," he said.

> said yesterday's march was illegal and its organizers had committed criminal offences. A foreign student at the Teachers' University said the students chose to march in the early hours of the morning to

The Peking Evening News

catch the authorities unawares and reduce the risk of identi-The students set out on the march banging drums and chanting slogans calling for

democracy and freedom. At the weekend, television a foreign reporter disputed quoted Mr Wang Zhen, a the Peking Evening News acveteran Communist Party count, saying he saw the leader, as criticizing people students enter both Peking and Qinghua universities, Il-round Westernization. up to 3,000. He said that up to The Peking paper carried a 30 police in cars accompanied warning yesterday against the them as they marched from use of wall-posters, which is illegal, and said that all work sities but made no arrests.

#### North Korea speculation ends

# North Korea speculation ends Kim II Sung again The appeals court noted that the Administration still had "broad discretion" over the admission and exclusion of aliens, but said that this was elected president

Tokyo (AFP) - Mr Kim II Sung was re-elected President ister who has not been seen in of North Korea yesterday as public since July after an the communist nation's Parliament opened its first session since national elections on November 2, Radio Pyongyang reported in a short broadcast monitored here.

The session was expected to name other top state leaders and Cabinet members, and adopt a much-delayed economic programme to take the country into 1993, Tokyobased analysts said.

Attention has also been focused on the status of Mr Kim's son and presumed heir, Mr Kim Jong II, aged 44, who is the second secretary of the ruling Korea Workers' Party. Some analysts predict he will be named First Vice-President during the session.

President Kim, ag former anti-Japanese guerrilla leader, has ruled North Korea since Japan renounced its colonial rule of the Korean peninsula at the end of the

Second World War. He was elected Premier in 1948 when the Soviet-backed republic was formed in the peninsula. He became Preși-

ficial radio said Mr O Jin U, yang.

the country's Defence Minpublic since July after an alleged traffic accident, also retained his top post.

It said the party's Central Committee, in a plenary session on Saturday, reconfirmed the 76-year-old vice-marshal as a member of the North Korean Presidium and Politburo, and therefore as the third most powerful man in the country behind President Kim and his son.

President Kim and his son also retained their posts, along with Mr O, in the threemember Central Committee Presidium.

At the party meeting, Mr Kang Song San, the Premier, and Mr Yon Hyong Muk, the First Vice-Premier and Minister for Metal and Machinery first time to the party

On November 17, South Korean officials claimed that North Korean propaganda loudspeakers - placed along the border - had announced the death of President Kim. But the communist leader turned up the next day, before television cameras, to welcome President Jambyn Bat-

# tackle entry tangle

From Michael Binvon Washington

One of the most controversial legacies of the McCarthy era is the widespread authority of US officials to prohibit entry to the United States by anyone suspected of being a Communist or holding beliefs deemed hostile to the American way of life.

After a recent rash of in cidents in which left-wing mualists, writers and activists were denied entry without being told the reason, the issue has now gone to the US Supreme Court for a decisi

At issue is the ruling by the State Department to deny visitors' visas to four leftwingers from overseas who ings in the US three years ago. They were Senor Ton Borge, the Nicaraguan In-

terior Minister, an Italian peace activist, and two Cuban st Party experts on women's rights. The Admin-istration said their entry would harm public interest.

A district court judge ruled in 1984 that the action was

within the State Department's legal authority and dismisse their suit. But a court of ap-peals, in a 2-1 ruling in March, reinstated the suit and accused the Government of practising a "brand of guilt by association" which Congress had banned specifically in a 1977 law dealing with visas for

A chief intention behind of this law was to permit entry to people as long as they did not pose risks to national security.

not boundless.

It extended only as far as the legal authority conferred by Congress and could not transgress constitutional

The Reagan Administration protested vigorously against the raling, saying that it would create substantial problems for the Government's conduct of foreign policy and would necessitate "unseemly in-quiry" into its decision-mak-

ing in this area.
The suit has been launched by a diverse group of people, including members of Congress, university professors, journalists and religious lea-

One of those refused a visa was Signor Nino Pasti, a former Nato general and member of the Italian Senate, whe was invited to address a nuclear disarmament rally in

The two Cuban women had nars organized by New York City and various universities. Despite the Supreme Court case, US immigration authorities still have broad powers to deny entry to aliens, whatever

their visa, apart from One notorious question first asked of visa applicants in the McCarthy era was whether they were sexual deviants, and this has been used to keep out homosexuals.

# Judges | Manila claims Marcos plunder | Two die as



deposed president, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, with a claim for more than \$700 million (£500 gestreb ni (noillim A commission created by

eroment filed its first suit in

the Philippines to seize wealth

allegedly plundered by the

President Corazon Aquino to recover the Marcos fortune. estimated at more than \$5 billion, also named as respondents two US real estate agents, Mrs Imelda Marcos. associates and aides.

The suit was intended mainly to establish Manila's claim to the New York properties of the Marcoses, who fled to Hawaii after the combined civilian-military revolt here ended his 20-year rule in The suit was filed by the

Good Government (PCGG) with an anti-corruption court in Manila in order to comply with US legal requirements, the chairman of the PCGG. Mr Jovito Salonga, told a news conference. The US Court of Appeals which froze the Marcos prop-

erties in New York said the evidence that Marcos owned four buildings in Manhattan was strong, but these courts decided that the basic issue of unlawful takings should be decided by Philippine courts," Ar Salonga said. He listed four buildings in

high-priced sections of Manhattan as Marcos properties

#### held though front companies. They were the Crown Building on Fifth Avenue, the Herald Centre on Sixth avenue, a 71storey building on Wal! Street,

and an office building on Madison Avenue. The complaint also laid claim to the Lindenmere Estate on Long Island, a former resort earlier reported in the

US press as Marcos-owned. Mr Salonga said the PCGG asked that the court order the defendants to render an accounting of all income and disbursements, and seeks the biggest award of damages ever in the Philippines

The New York properties have an estimated gross value of six to seven billion pesos (£208 million)and a net value of about half that, due to loans and obligations, he said.

"The PCGG complaint al-Presidential Commission on leges that the wrongs committed by Marcos and his codefendants consist of the purloining and misappropriation of public funds, bribery. blackmail, embezzlement, acts of corruption, betrayal of public trust, brazen abuse power, and the plunder of the nation's wealth," he said.

Mr Salonga said similar suits would follow in Califorpia, Hawaii, other US states and other countries. The bulk of the Marcos

fortune is believed to be in Switzerland, whose Goverament has frozen suspected secret bank accounts of the former president.

vacuum. Does this mean he

He is also concerned by the

Army chief's reluctance to

place the running of elections

in the hands of an indepen-

dent commission. The poll

remains the responsibility of

Colonel Williams Regala, the

Interior Minister who is seen

by many as the guardian of the

Yet Mr Manigat has re-

mained aloof from popular

movements and political alli-

ances seeking the Junta's re-moval. "When you want to

overthrow a military gov-

ernment you have to ask yourself if there is a viable

alternative," he cautioned.

exposing the country to the

tial contender and the one

favoured by Washington is Mr

Marc Bazin, a banker and

risk of civil war."

We have no interest in

old regime.

wants to go on filling it?"

even thi plunges into ocean

Perth (Reuter) - Divers recovered two bodies from the sunken wreck of a helicopter which crashed into the sea off

north-west Australia. The two men, aged 36 and 39, had been trapped inside the helicopter which was ferrying workers from a giant oil and gas rig 85 miles north of the coastal town of Karratha Rescue boats earlier picked up 15 survivors.

#### Iron Curtain conquered

Kassel (Reuter) - A 22year-old East German escaped to the West by using homemade climbing gear to scale a fence on the heavily-guarded frontier with West Germany.

The man, an ornamental blacksmith, cut his way through a first fence set back from the border and scrambled over the second chainlink fence using a wire rope and home-made crampons.

#### Out of touch

Paris (Reuter) - The cyclone-hit French Pacific island of Futuna has lost its last link with the outside world - a police radio - and attempts to fly in badly needed food and medical supplies have failed.

#### Lost at sea

Ankara (Reuter) - A driver sleeping in the cab of his truck aboard a Black Sea ferry boat drowned when it was dumped overboard in a storm.

#### Fuchs tribute

East Berlin (Reuter) - East Germany's official media published a birthday tribute to atomic spy Klaus Fuchs, who spent nine years in a British jail for betraying secrets of the US atomic bomb programme to the Soviet Union.

#### UFOs seen

Tokyo (Reuter) - The captain of a Japanese airliner said he saw three spaceship-like objects, including a huge "mothership", flying near his cargo plane for about 50 minutes over Alaska.

#### Cake delight

Belgrade (Reuter) - Bulgarian Communist authorities have delighted children by sending Father Christmas to distribute giant cakes despite the country's food shortage.

#### Too late

Tokyo (AP) - A warning of dangerous winds apparently came too late to stop a train that plunged off a narrow bridge, killing six people and injuring six others.

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#### Upset by play

playwright and director of an anti-fundamentalist play are to be tried on charges of obscenity and degrading religion.

#### Top dressers

New York (AP) - President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev have been selected as two of the world's best dressed men for 1986 by the Fashion Foundation of

#### Dialogue to resume in Delhi

From Hassan Akhtar Islamabad

After two days of talks here the foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan announced at the weekend that the dialogue aimed at normalizing relations between the two countries would be resumed in

Delhi early in the new year. Mr A.P. Vankateswaran. the Indian Foreign Secretary, besides holding talks with his Pakistani opposite number, Mr Abdul Sattar, also met President Zia and Mr Junejo, the Prime Minister.

Both foreign secretaries conceded at a joint press conference at the end of their meeting that the normalization talks had been slow because of the cumulative effects of past strains and three

armed conflicts. Comparing the situation since the early 1970s, when the two countries went to war over Bangladesh, Mr Sattar said that the present state of relations was vastly improved. However, it was evident that the two sides were still wide apart on key issues.

But there were also encouraging and hopeful pointers, according to the Indian that they had agreed to hold meetings of the Indo-Pakistani Joint Commission to take tangible steps for cooperation between the two countries in the first half of

1987. Mr Vankateswaran conthe Indian Prime Minister. who had cancelled his promised visit to Pakistan last summer, would be travelling

#### Haiti in a power vacuum

# Parties struggle to emerge from Duvalier's shadow

General Namphy sees him-

vacuum. "The parties have wasted nine months... They

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organize themselves and have

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Western diplomats here

note that the political field has

narrowed to about a dozen

parties capable of mounting a

realistic challenge at

November's elections. Hai-

tian journalists say the num-

ber of serious contenders

One, however, is Mr Leslie

Manigat, whose National Democratic Progressive Party

was formed in exile in Ven-

ezuela seven years ago and now has offices and an

expanding party machine in the capital of Port-Au-Prince.

could be as few as four.

tolerate a void."

The shaky provisional Government in Haiti appears to be

General Namphy sees himself surrounded by a political hanging on to power largely by Supporters and opponents

of the military-dominated Junta agree it has lost most of the backing it enjoyed after the popular uprising in February that toppled Mr Jean-Claude But as strikes and demon-

strations continue to put pressure on the Junta to resign, the forces to depose it have been held in check by the absence of a viable civilian-led Government to take its place. Political parties, banned under M Duvaher, are still

organizing after their long oblivion and remain far from ready to assume power. Some of them have formed alliances with trade unions, civic organizations and hu-

man rights groups to demand a change of leadership, but they have insufficient cohesion to agree upon an alternative. Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy, the Army chief who heads the Junta, has said he 1988, three months after the

general election which, he claims, he will not contest. He says he cannot hand over power earlier because Haiti, after three decades of iron-fisted dictatorship, is not ready for democracy. He points to the creation of more than 60 political parties and the declaration of more than 200 presidential candidates as evidence of the immaturity of



# General Namphy, left, says Haiti is not ready for democracy

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are already thick on the water. Tim Piggott-Smith, glinting with high-octane oil as the British challenger Peter de Savary, bounded out of a toplevel parley with the words Excuse me, I must be going, there's someone I have to sack". Meanwhile, somewhere down under, the prospective captain of the Australian vacht paused between pressups to complain "I got me family in Korea to think about". Several scenes later no South-East Asian connection having emerged - one suddenly twigged that he had been referring to his family and career.

It is the womenfolk's sole function here to grouch about hearth and home with routine resignation while their men are being unfaithful with computers and test-tanks. It is the men's function to chew cigars and aphorisms while plotting their bellicose strategies. "This isn't sport, this is war" - and the self-made millionaires who funded the challenging yachts left no possibility overlooked. Peter de Savary harrassed the Americans' boat trials with a video-dinghy; the Australian magnate Alan Bond, evoking the memory of Don Revie, compiled dessiers on the opposition.

But, if one is to tune in on the coming Mondays, it will surely be less for the unfolding drama (whose outcome will scarcely be a surprise) than for the opportunity to soak up much-needed blues above and below the horizon. One cannot spend the entire winter looking at designer-grey walls and bath-water skies.

Martin Cropper |

criticisms made of string players (and of singers) is that their sense of pulse is often found wanting. And cellists, according to some, are the worst culprits. Given such assertions, together with the fact that interpretation is almost invariably a matter of wisdoms received from the foregoing generation without question, it is hardly surpris-ing that Ralph Kirshbaum, in his performances of the Bach Cello Suites, should be heard following the same path of rhythmic liberalism as that trodden by Casals, Tortelier

and so on. Of course, great artists have always created great performances while meddling somewhat with note-values. The a rubato there, so perhaps question is whether dwelling upon notes that are in any case naturally stressed, and taking lavish gulps for breath between phrases, amounts to interpretation, mannerism or even sheer technical convenience. In Kirshbaum's case baum's meticulous attention the answer is not easily found, to the colour of each sound,

# Even the blues are Making a desirable sort of influential mark

director in Britain over the last ten years can have had an easy ride. Con-stantly strapped for money, whether it is scrabbling round for an extra half warder or puzzling over how to acquire

the latest masterpiece to come on the market (at a cost, these days, of probably more than the entire annual budget), these men have to be brave and resourceful, diplomats and fund-raisers as well as and fund-raisers as well as scholars. The departure of Sir Michael Levey from the National Gallery, after 13 years in the hot seat, is marked appropriately by a Director's Choice show (until February 15) in which he gathers together nearly 40 of the acquisitions made in his time quisitions made in his time which give him the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. It also gives us a chance to look back over the development of

the gallery under his rule. Of course, the major bungles the general public immediately thinks of in connection with the National Gallery - the question of what, exactly, is going to be built on the adjoining site; the fumbled appointment of Sir Michael's successor - are nothing to do with him. During his time the northern extension has been opened. and it has become possible for the gallery to show all its reserve collection as well as the main (possible, at least, whenever chronic staff shortage does not enforce closure of the lower floor). The collection as a whole has been rehung, with varying results some section curators, it would appear, have a feeling

for how to hang pictures, some

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ment in this sector, the

**GALLERIES Director's Choice National Gallery** 

Paintings and Their Contexts I Dulwich

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reordering of the British collection in the newly re-stored Barry rooms, is probably the best.
Also in Sir Michael's time

an Education Department has been encouraged, the Sunley Room has been opened for temporary exhibitions, even if it does seem strangely poky next to the absurdly pushy central shop (priorities more commercial than artistic, maybe?) and excellent series small shows like The Artist's Eye (important artists make their own personal choices) and Acquisition in Focus have been instituted, as well as the more arguable notion of an Artist in

Residence. And then there have been the acquisitions themselves. Something of a sore point, in many ways, since Sir Michael has always stressed the importance of the gallery's being able to buy major works to fill whenever possible, important gaps in the national collection, while the policy of government grants seems in the

against acquisition, at any rate against acquisition, at any rate unless it is supported by a lavish private subsidy. However, looking around Director's Choice, there is a distinct feeling that we have not done too badly.

Masterpieces? Well, possibly not it all depends what

you mean. But Claude's The Enchanted Castle must surely by any method of accounting be somewhere in the right area, and then there are the Altdorfer, Christ Taking Leave of His Mother, Monet's The Gare St Lazare, Rubens's resplendent Samson and Deli-lah and Caravaggio's Boy Bitten by a Lizard, which when cleaned and sent to the recent Age of Caravaggio show was almost universally up-graded to the status of an accepted original. When these are put together with perhaps lesser but still fascinating works like Parmigianino's Portrait of a Man or Wright of Derby's dashing Mr and Mrs Thomas Coltman, and the addition to the collection of

most like to have left. Significant of his effect has been the tendency for other galleries to take a leaf out of the National Gallery's book. The Dulwich Picture Gallery, for instance, has just staged the first of a projected series of shows under the title Paintings and Their Context, this one concerning itself with Poussin's Venus and Mercury (until January 18). Though it is hardly an acquisition, having been in the collection since 1811, the format of the show is almost identical to that of the National Gallery's Acquisition in Focus shows: around the

Klimt and Redon, one cannot help feeling that Sir Michael has left the mark he would

parallels, derivations, sketches (if any can be found) and all the products of modern tech-nology in the service of scholarship. The whole thing is fascinating, an essay in connoisseurship which makes vivid to a non-expert

The British Museum, with the astonishing spread of its collection, has to serve several masters at the same time, and that goes also for the temporary exhibitions there. The two latest-comers are The New Thracian Treasure (until March 29) and Modern Chi-nese Prints (until January 11), which could hardly be more different.

he Thracian treasures in question come from Rogozen, Bulgaria, and are "new" by virtue of the fact that they were un-earthed only late in 1985, and in relation to the previous, enormously successful show of Thracian treasures held at the British Museum in 1976. This time there is less gold around, but the silver with, here and there, touches of gilt is splendid enough. And the design, mostly dating from around the fourth century BC, is of considerable sophistication and grace.

The Chinese prints are also, in their various ways, highly sophisticated, and make strong contrast to the sorts of peasant woodcuts which used to circulate in the West around the time of the Cultural Revolution. Most of the prints on show are very recent, but there are also some by senior artists like Gu Yuan and Li Hua which go back to the Forties. It is encouraging to see, in this way, that not only have the arts in China



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One up to Sir Michael Levey: Albrecht Altdorfer's Christ Taking Leave of His Mother

speed and efficacy from the aberrations of the Gang of Four but that continuity has been effectively preserved through the years of the Red

There does not seem, even now, to be any dominant style. Little interest is manifested here in abstract art: the most abstract pieces are also the

recovered with remarkable most traditional, taking up the China eastern and western ancient Chinese tradition of approaches to the graphic arts observing nature and then are being crossed with each turning one's back on it to other, and the resulting strain, turning one's back on it to draw. Within representation, if a little mongrel, has all the however, styles range from the vitality and intelligence so Expressionist distortions of often denied to those more Chen Jinrong's A Day at the carefully bred for purity. Dockyard to the almost photographic quality of Wu Chang-

John Russell Taylor



Prey to corruption: David McKay in Red Riding Hood

#### CONCERT

Ralph Kirshbaum Wigmore Hall

at least on the evidence presented by these readings of the First, Third and Fifth Suites the plays the others on Friday).
Undoubtedly he feels the

music, but one senses that he concentrates a little too hard upon squeezing meaning from the notes when they might make themselves clearer by being left more to themselves. Morever, one could often accurately predict the weight of an accent here, the extent of mannerism played a part. Frequently in the faster movements a deliberately lengthened note was made unnecessarily ugly by an over-savage bow-stroke, while in some of the slower movements Kirshadmirable in other circumstances, worked against equi-librium of mood. The violently changing dynamics in the Allemande of the Third Suite, for example, turned that movement into something unnecessarily gawky.

But even for those who prefer their Bach approached in a different way there was plenty to admire in Kirshbaum's playing. In the Fifth Suite, for instance, the Prelude affectingly took its cue from the subdued timbre of the cello's higher register, the result of tuning the A string to a G instead. While the same work's Allemande was a dance of nobility, broad and dignified, the Sarabande, which on paper looks as though it might be over in the twinkling of an eye, attained a stature of real, tragic moment in Kirsh-

It is probably too much to expect a performer to go against the tradition in which he lives; but within it Kirshbaum showed that he does have vital things to say.

#### THEATRE Sleeping Beauty

Tron, Glasgow

central attraction are grouped

**Red Riding Hood** Citizens', Glasgow

While the traditional pantomimes are packing them in in Glasgow and Edinburgh with the well-loved comic actors Stanley Baxter and Rikki Fulton, Glasgow's Tron Theatre have taken the enterprising risk of casting a young and upcoming local comedian as the comic linchpin of their Sleeping Beauty.
Craig Ferguson has estab-

lished quite a following in Glasgow in his stage persona of Bing Hitler, an hysterical, self-appointed dictator. Working this character into the framework of a story (as he and his co-writer Peter Capaldi do here) is quite a different matter, however. It works surprisingly well.

Bing emerges as Prime Minister in the Kingdom of Vulgaria, where the diminutive and desirable Beauty (Jenny McCrindle) becomes a pawn in the struggle between the Good Fairy, a frayed district nurse, and the evil Hexx, an uncommonly sadistic dentist. When the kingdom turns into SlumberInd it is left to Bing and his sly accomplice to seek out the prince who will save the day. What follows is an endearing travesty of the

It gets off to a slow start and. Stephen Pettitt giving the impression of having been written in pieces

rather than as a whole, hiccups through the story-line in places, but the humour is keen and the whole thing (directed by Michael Boyd) has tremendous zest. Jimmy Chisolm provides a wonderful alternative prince as Rupert, the unrascally Rascal

The Citizens', Glasgow, have picked another winner by again inviting Myles Rudge to write their Christmas show. Red Riding Hood explores the same fertile area of fantasy combined with psychological Hansel and Gretel, Rudge's version of the tale leading us into the semi-real world that dreams are usually made of, where acquaintances, fears and desires assume more significant proportions.

As the children Peter and Anna (David McKay and Maureen Carr) journey through the forest, her red riding hood, made with love, protects her against temptation, evil and the Wicked Wolf - in this case a more whiskery version of their rich neighbour, whose spoilt daughter (Juliet Cadzow) also undergoes a transformation. Her brother has no such protec-tion, falling prey to the Wolf's corruptive offers of power and wealth.

Rudge explores the sub-text of the fairy tale with tremendous invention, creating a double-tiered fantasy that is at times really uncanny. In places he becomes too in-volved and complex, but the whole thing is ingeniously staged by Giles Havergal and designed with economy and style by Kenny Miller.

Sarah Hemming

# Words above the music

jiang's Highland Cattle Farm.

The silent poise of "surtitles" has been growing for a while, but their arrival at Covent Garden for the new Jenufa does demand, as I said in my review, some thought. On the face of it, we are confronted with a new version of the words-or-music argument. As the Royal Opera House inelegantly put the case, "With the use of surtitles audiences can more closely the intricacies of a libretto sung in a language they do not speak, while at the same time being able to hear the sounds envisaged by the

But surely this is a very curious account of operatic experience to be emanating from an international com-pany. Assuming that the first clause refers simply to our understanding of what is happening in the stage action and not, say, to our appreciation of the verse-forms, then that inderstanding is con-ditioned not by any printed text but by words delivered to us through singer and score. As Anden pointed out, once the librettist's written words have given rise to music, their work is done. To present them now again, at this late stage, is to present a ghost, and at least this lifelessness of the text is well illustrated by the grey projections at Covent Garden.

But the second half of their The reason for preferring op-era in the original language cannot hang on "being able to hear the sounds envisaged by the composer" since, with the possible exception of Stravinsky setting Hebrew, compos-ers have been concerned not merely with sounds but with elements in a meaningful language.

However, the Covent Garden view is entirely coherent. It is that librettists write words which composers term into sounds: surtitles allow you to have both at once. What is entirely overlooked is the possibility that opera might be about the singing of words in a theatre, about the collaboration of composers, singers and conductors in the delivery of words with a fine control over timing, accentuation and in-flexion available to no other form, and certainly not to written dialogue. Offering a crib is no help here; what can and does help is

The introduction of surtitles in opera has created at least as

many problems as it has solved, considers **Paul Griffiths** an assimilated knowledge of

the opera, or the libretto, or at least the synopsis, the difnot require one to read along with the show, and so concern oneself with the spectral embryo rather than the thing

Reading is also a quite different sort of activity from responding to an operatic performance, and by its difference may suggest that something is lacking from the experience. If Covent Garden really do feel that their audiences need help, then much the more obvious course, particularly in an opera where virtually all the cast are native English speakers (what price those "sounds envisaged by the composer"?), would be to sing in translation.

Perhaps the essence of the

problem is the assumption that knowledge of the constiteents enhances an aesthetic experience; but there is no reason why it should. Knowing the text of an opera may be as useful as knowing the struc-ture of chlorophyll when one looks at a landscape: a slight enhancement, but not one to be blown up in letters a foot high. There are, also, severely practical objections to sur-

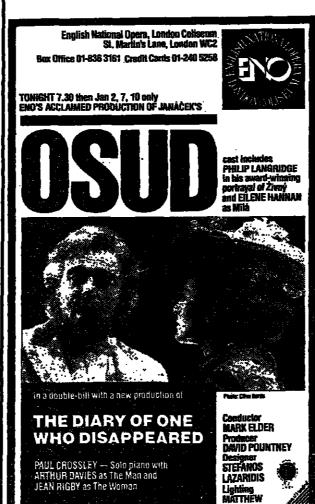
titles. From the poper parts of the house, apparently, they can be taken in along with the stage, but certainly from the level of the stalls one needs to flip one's glance upwards in order to follow them. An audience with divided visual attention is inevitably going to miss some of the action, and I cannot imagine that producers and singers are going to like autocne: I understand that Yuri Lyubimov, the Jenefa producer, is firmly against the innovation.

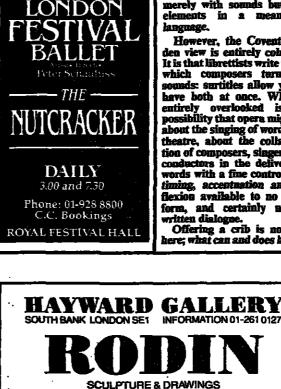
Wisely Covent Garden are asking customers to complete a questionnaire designed to test the acceptability of surtitles and, though you cannot avoid them if you want to see Jenufa, there will be performances of Zauberflöte and Rosenkavalier both surtitled and not. If there should he any demand for surtitles then at least this option should remain. But, if surtitles are to become a part of life, then there needs to be some improvement on their pretty crade state at the moment For, despite computer control, they cannot easily distinguish who is singing what in en-sembles, nor convey long sentences, nor always keep pace with the action. They may, indeed, create so many problems that some help will be needed for one to be able to understand those faltering words up on the screen. Per-

haps, then, they could be acted out somewhere, maybe with

musical support . . .







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Going to earth: Luigi Perticarari, king of the Italian grave-robbers, slips through a hole revealed by the plough to discover yet another Etruscan tomb in the hillside of Tarquinia

# Plundering the underworld

uigi Perticarari is a tomb robber. In Tarquinia, which was one of the greatest Etruscan cities of antiquity, he is known as il mago - "the magician" - because of his apparently supernatural ability to find tombs still unrifled after 2.000 years. He is one of Italy's many hundred tombaroli and clandestini (tomb robbers and illegal excavators) who rifle the buried settlements of antiquity by night and sell their finds to foreign

Luigi is the self-appointed spokesman of the tombaroli. He published his memoirs in June, I segreti di un tombarolo ("The Secrets of a Tomb Robber"), and speaks with charm and pride of his trade, pouring scorn on the state archaeological service for not seeking his advice. He claims more first-hand knowledge of Etruscan tombs than any living archaeologist, probably with justice. But he fails to appreciate that his activity has destroyed for ever the possibility of others sharing his knowledge. His story, multiplied many hun-

dred times over, explains the devastating pillage of Italy's archaeological heritage that has taken place over the last 20 years, and its gathering momentum. It also highlights how inadequate the Italian authorities' efforts to protect their patrimony have been.

From around the eighth to the third century BC, the Etruscans buried their dead with rich grave furnishings, painted terracotta vases - some imported from Athens bronze ornaments, gold and jewellery. The grandest tombs were frescoed with scenes from earthly life - banquets and hunting scenes or mythology.

Luigi claims to have emptied 3.000 to 4,000 tombs during 30 years of activity, despite spending II of them in prison. He lives modestly in a suburb of Tarquinia in a house he built for himself - he is a stonemason when he can find time for a legitimate trade incorporating secret hideaways and

The Etruscans chose a long hillside above Tarquinia for their

Helped by the smugglers of the Mafia, Italy's tomb robbers supply the world's major museums every year with Greek Roman and Etruscan cal park. Had the Italian authorities, world's major museums every year with Greek, Roman and Etruscan

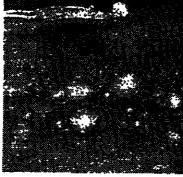
treasures worth millions of pounds. Geraldine Norman investigates

magnificent views of the mountains and the sea. Over the principal graves, already excavated, little cement huts with sloping rooves have been erected and the curious are locked out. A small enclosure of tombs at one end of the ridge is open to the public. The rest of the area is ploughed and planted every

Luigi calls it his il mio regno - his "kingdom". Beneath the plough are literally thousands of graves, many of which he has visited and cleared. The heavy modern tractors rumbling overhead are now causing annual damage to the caverns below, he says. Only 100 yards from the road that runs along the crest of the hill Luigi could show us a round hole in the plough where the roof of tomb had collapsed. "It was robbed in antiquity," he said. "They

the vases are still there." In broad daylight we slipped into its cavernous depth.

Beneath the road itself the men from the Arts Ministry are busy recording for posterity a tomb painted with scenes from the under-world which dates from the end of



the fifth century BC. They came on it when checking the route of a new water supply pipe. The aim was to ensure that no important archaeological evidence was destroyed by the pipe's construction; luckily it runs a few feet away from the newly discovered tomb.

The necropolis at Tarquinia is accepted as the most important burial complex of the Etruscan world. Many of its magnificent grave furnishings are now on display in foreign museums, bereft of their history, thanks to the activities of Luigi and his friends. Meanwhile the Italian authorities permit a water supply pipe to run through the necropolis and tractors to shake in the roofs of tombs. The creeping presence of the town itself is also invading areas of archaeological

gling artefacts out of the area over gradually destroy the lot.

not the tombaroli, sold the treasures to museums, they would have had the money to excavate and landscape the area for visitors. But since buried treasures are the inalienable property of the State under Italian law, no official sales can take place. Museum storerooms are overflowing with material from official excavations, not to mention ma-terial confiscated from tombaroli by the police.

The same opportunities exist at other Greek, Roman and Etruscan sites up and down Italy. Scholars estimate that only some 20 per cent of the tomb furnishings of antiquity have yet been unearthed or de-stroyed. This extraordinary buried museum could be brought to light in an ordered manner, leaving the monumental remains open for interested visitors to explore and the treasures on display in museums with full identification of how and where they were found. Or else it can be left to the tombaroli, tractors,

#### FROM TOMB TO MUSEUM SHELF: HOW THE SMUGGLERS LEGITIMIZE THEIR TREASURES

ince the last war more Greek, Etruscan and Roman treasures have come to light, mostly as a result of illicit digs, than had surfaced in the preceding 2,000 years. They have been found in other Mediterranean countries but

the prime source is Italy. The material is smuggled into Switzerland, mostly by lorry drivers carrying ordinary merchandise for export. Once in Switzerland it enters the legitimate art market and is sold to museums and private collectors. The rarest treasures tend to be negotiated privately by dealers while the bulk of more ordinary material is consigned to Sotheby's and Christie's in London, or lesser auction houses in France, Germany and Switzerland.

The well-publicized sales of antiquities at Sotheby's and Christie's with glossy catalogues

and high prices, are a major encouragement to the tombaroli. They provide information on prices and demonstrate that there is a ready market. Most of the material now circulating in the market comes from post-war illegal digs but since its excavation was not documented and pieces have changed hands several times, this is impossible to

The auction houses are signatories to the London art trade's code of practice which outlaws handling a sale when there is reasonable cause to believe "that an imported object ... originates from an illegal, clandestine or otherwise unofficial site". They defend their involvement in the antiquities market on grounds of ignorance. It is impossible, they say,

could have been excavated illegally. Indeed, the only way to avoid handling illicit finds would be to drop out of the antiquities market altogether and this the auction houses are not prepared to do.

Auctioneers, however, are only the middle men. The Getty Museum in Malibu, California, bas formed a superb collection of antiquities over the last 10 years, mostly from illicit excavations. "Sono nemici di cultura" growls the Soprintendente of Southern Etruria they are the enemies of culture". The Metropolitan Museum in New York has made several spectacular purchases over the same period, including the famous \$1 million Euphronios vase, "Every scholar knows it can only come from Cerveteri," complains Professor Palottino of Rome's Tuscia In-

Copenhagen Museums are also roundly condemned. Only one important museum in

the world has so far taken a clear

stand by refusing to purchase any material which could be smuggled the British Museum in London. The purchasing power of museums outside Italy is enormous and there are also several multimillion-

aire collectors in the market: Bunker Hunt, the Texan oil millionaire, for The big money has attracted organized crime. "The use of drugs 3.6 per cent

is spreading into the country towns of Italy," explained an authority who asked not to be named. "The drug dealers ran across the tombaroli and saw the rich pickings to be made from organizing the business on an international scale." The Mafia has taken up

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bloc to charge their glasses freely

Alcoholism is the Slavic disease. Peek on pay day into circulation medical journals. the alley-ways and windy stairwells of the seedier housing estates of Warsaw, Budapest and Prague and the whole world will seem to be in an alcoholic haze: flushed men and women bump into each amounted to 6.8 litres of 100 other, slump to the ground, or per cent alcohol. The per laugh raucously, their breath a capita calculation distorts - it fire hazard. On Friday nights includes a few million babies in Warsaw's Praga district, the and toddlers. The estimate moonshine merchants do also excludes moonshine liflourishing trade; all week they have stockpiled sugar, and the about 20 per cent of alcohol potatoes that will form the consumption), wine and beer. basis of some of the most There are almost 1 million potent vodka in the world are alcoholics in Poland and

on the boil. The most comprehensive statistics come from Poland drunk every day. where, even before Gorbachov came to power, alcoholism was regarded as a serious social malaise. Hungary admits to a big alcohol problem. So, less publicly, does Bulgaria. Czechoslovakia and East Germany also have

The queues are already

stretching around the block for festive spirit

but thanks to the anti-al-

coholism crusade of Mikhail

Gorbachov it looks set to be

an unusually dry New Year for

most east Europeans.

Miners' earnings The figures for miners' compensation (table, Speccounter-offensive begins, at least in some of the Soviet trum, December 23) should bloc countries. Sales and have been in millions.

bad drinking habits but con-Hungarian offices and faccede this only in restrictedtories will be banned during working hours and violators

It is difficult to know whether Poland has the worst alcoholism rate in the bloc or is simply the most open about it. Last year Poland's per capita alcohol consumption quor (which accounts for according to police estimates, two million Poles become

л East Germany, the per capita alcohol consumption is even higher than in Poland - about 13 to 16 litres a year - which seems to reflect the Germanic custom of mixing beer with schnapps rather than sticking to vodka. From January 1, 1987, the

consumption of alcohol in

anything to go by, the measures will have no great impact on drinking habits. In 1982 the Poles introduced an anti-alcohol law that was regarded as a model of its kind. It bans the sale of drink before lpm, banishes drink from the workplace, restricts the numbers of sales outlets, with particularly tough penalties for moonshine dealers, and it has introduced the idea - if not the practice - of control

factory workforces.

some bars into cafés.

will be fined more than a

month's wages. Exceptions

can be made for office parties

but only after working hours.

Bulgaria is cutting the produc-tion of alcohol for domestic

consumption and turning

If the Polish example is

Notices are pinned up in cases and bars warning about the evils of drink, and all alcohol advertising is banned. The Catholic church has been persuading workers to renounce drink. All to no avail. hollow. The profit motive is at

work: although the losses from

squads to check the sobriety of

drunken labour are huge, so too are the state profits from the sale of alcohol. Poland regularly publishes a list of the 500 most profitable companies and Polmos, the official producer and distributor of alcohol, is always at the top. Last year, Poles spent 687 billion zlotys (£300 million) on alcohol in official hard currency stores.

force on the black market, An increase in the official price of vodka leads immediately to a rise in the black market value of the dollar. lcohol bought for dollars or pounds rather than zlotys is slightly

Vodka is the sustaining

cheaper. And the law has other loopholes. Restricting opening times simply encourages the moon-lighters (15,000 illegal stills were closed down last year) who can sell their wares at any time. Checks on workers' sobriety are haphazard some leeway, for example, is given to building workers who

need to fortify themselves from the cold. Somehow, despite the best efforts of Gorbachov, the east Europeans will find a way of getting drunk this festive season. But the traditional toast of Na zdrowie ("To your health") may ring a little

Roger Boyes

# Econometric crystal balls

One prediction for 1987 can be made with certainty: hi-tech business

forecasting will be back in fashion

A dozen years ago you could hardly open a newspaper m of futurolo such as Herman Kahn of the Hadson Institute.

By the economic recession at think tanks simply could not keep up. Not that they lacked influence: much of the supply-side economic rhetoric of the early Reagan years, and its accompanying social theory, were based on Kahnist principles of abundant natural resources and man's ability to transform them to his re-

But as James Bellini, a Briton and former colleague of Kahn, points out, many of the models of world economic growth or ecological disaster which proliferated in the were based on the laboratory science. Unemployment, global debt and the distorting influence of growing black economies changed all that.

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been discarded. They are recorded as important standards on which further analysis can be based. Here we profile some of the major forecasters and offer a sum-

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the technological buzz-word (computer programmes that store the knowledge of humans and mimic their decision making) Ceramics will become the new super material for technology

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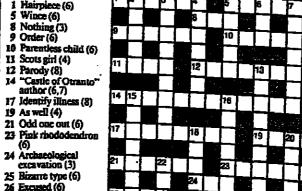
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# FASHION by Suzy Menkes

# The weird and the wearable



The newest shape of things to come is stretchy and shiny and uses man-made fibres. British street style has paved the way for the naughty boy of French fashion, with his love of futuristic fabrics and blatant artificiality



"I feel much too old to be an enfant terrible" Jean-Paul Gaultier (above)

But designer Jean-Paul Gaultier still gets his kicks from mocking the bourgeoisie. In his surreal fashion shows, nothing is quite as it seems. He has made the corset and the bra his signature — but

worn chastely on top of folds of fabric. A regular man's tuxedo jacket turns to reveal a naked cut-out back. Quilted ea out unto full skirts. A simple sweater glows with luminous lettering when the lights go down.

Behind Gaultier is a training in conventional French conture where he learned to cut and sew. Ahead, he sees a future for clothes moulded out of new materials.

We have done everything we can with the silhouette, says the designer who put his fashion stamp on the A-line skirt a year ago. "People are not prepared to be dictated to. It is new fabrics which give modernism to fashion."

For Gaultier that means, as with his clothes design, bucking the current trend. He was the first designer to renounce natural fabrics for mock leather and stretchy ski pants in his début collection of 1979. Now he has become the high priest of nylon and viscose, using anything that seems 'stretchy, shiny or false".

"I was very naive in that first collection," he says. "All I wanted to do was the opposite of the very loose clothes that were being made."

Jean-Paul Gaultier has always seemed closer to the iconoclastic, whacky spirit of young London, than to the hidebound chic of the Paris boulevards. His collections of

he naughty boy of French fashion use of Russian Cyrillic script will be 35 in April. and his heavy post-punk boots and his heavy post-punk boots with spindly striped leggings, seemed to be inspired by British street style. Although he denies it ("I think what I do is very French"), English stu-dents feel that their cult hero absorbs ideas, and then produces them, with infuriating skill, as desitable high fashion

chance to collaborate with Gaultier on a fabric scheme set a project for the Courtelle Design Awards, Britain's most important student design competition, to design a futuristic fabric round which Gaultier will produce a capsule collection next summe Five colleges are being asked to design up to three Courtelle jersey fabrics on a theme of "modernity, technology, artificiality and futurism".

Gaultier's passion for manmade fabrics started when he "opened his grandmother's cupboards" and gazed at her corsets inside. His synthetics have included a Courtelle panné velvet used in his first collection and imaginative variations on once-despised shiny and strecky materials. which he is convinced will mould the shape of clothes to

The first corsets came in Gaultier's spring collection shown in October 1982, when all the garments expressed looked extraordinarily odd, and were his attempt at Dadaism in dress.

The impish Gaultier draws in references from different cultures, sending up the Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie in a collection of clothes inspired by the French con-

shiny and false" for Jean-Paul Gaultier's

girdle skirt from his spring collection at A la Mode, 36 Hans Crescent, SW3 from the end of January. Sheer ruffle gloves from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Red suede shoes by Johnny Moke from 396 Kings Road, SW10

a polica dot pleated long skirt putled up on an elastic hem to double black corset top and stretch girdle over. Namow-shouldered spot blouse. Both from A la Mode, end of January. Lace-up ankle boots from Barratt Make-up by Ruth Sheldon Hair by Mario for Schumi

TOP RIGHT: The Gaultier puffball:

Photographs by CHRIS DAWES

heels, powder puffs and lace. "My menswear is not gay," he says indignantly. "I was challenging fashion history by showing that lace for men does not only mean Louis XIV, and high heels Louis why Italian and Japanese companies continue to sup-XV. The liberation of women port hum). Like a Dali, who had to know how to draw before he has also brought us the new

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Gaultier showed skirts for men (albeit as apron-fronted trousers in sober pin stripes) and a witty collection of gingham beachwear offering up men as Bardot-style sex objects. Both were fashion milestones in that they de-

cierge class, and shocking the fined how far the peacock straight fashion world with his male was prepared to strut.

men's collections of high Gaultier points out that he studio of Jean Patou, where he offers more than one fashion worked with Michel Goma type in his collections. The and Angelo Tarlazzi. fact that he is able to weave "I was born in the 1950s the wearable in with the weird, and I love the fashions of the Fifties," says Gaultier. "I like is his strength (and the reason

could break the rules,

Gaultier's surreal fashions

start from a classic base. His jackets, buttoned askew and

asymmetrically draped, were

actually masterpieces of cut-

ting. Gaultier had two spells with the house of Cardin, the

little from the Fifties, something of today and a hope of The chic and kitsch sexuality that permeates Gaultier's collections has nothing to do with the status-conscious world of French conture. Nor have his shows, which them-

selves are directional: fashion

as theatre in a circus ring; the

more recent shows exhibited

And the corset dresses They have been interpreted variously as a return to womanly curves or to the rigidly controlled bodies of the 1950s: as a send-up of a society modernity, but I think I take a fashion statement about manmade, second-skin fabrics.

making a fashion still life.

"Sex is a part of life," says Gaultier. "I won't say that the Twiggy look is past, because that suggests that I am defining a fashionable person. In Paris, prostitutes would wear corset dresses. But only men of another generation would see it like that. The idea is to

#### PEOPLE

#### **Soviet** style

The new fashion awareness by Russia's first lady Raisa Gorbachov seems to be bearing unexpected fruit. Nine outfits from the bulg-ing closets of Peter the Great go on display at the Barbican at the end of the month, in a rich and rare exhibition of Russian dress. The costumes, which also include Catherine the Great's fanciful militaryinspired dress, are from the 25,000 pre-Revolutionary fashions stored away in Leningrad's Hermitage and never seen outside the Soviet Union. Mrs Gorbachov, whose taste is for foreign design over the stodgier native products, can find fashion precedent in this exhibition which includes clothes made dur-ing the Romanov years by Pacquin and Poiret in Paris and by that English fashion man abroad, Charles Worth.

#### Go show

Is the Chambre Syndicale in Paris about to fold its fashion tents? Ten years after the circus spectacalars were launched, I hear that the Chambre's Director, Jacques Mouclier, is boping to build a more permanent home for France's bi-annual ready-to-wear shows. Architects are running their slide rules over the basement of the new Musée de la Mode to see if it can be made into a fashion show centre. But just as American buyers, and several of the leading mers, have announced that the days of the tents are numbered, a new group, calling themselves La Moda aux Tuileries, is planning to pitch camp down the road from the Louvre to cash in on the official showing in March.

#### Royal red

It was a great Christmas for coats when the royals turned out in the rain for morning service at St George's Chapel, Windsor. Shapely tailoring rather than street-wise oversize was the look, from Prince William's nanny-knowsbest coat to Lady Helen Windsor's floor-sweeping swirl, by the royals' favour-Chelsea Design. Diana and the Duchess of York made a double act in Father Christmas scarlet and cos-



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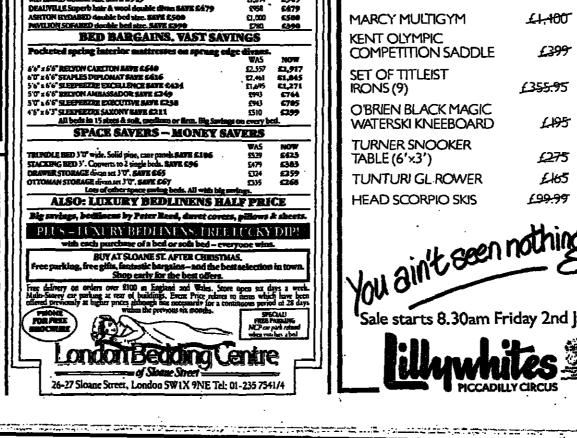
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# **DIARY**

## Driving a wedge

After four years of prevarication by his Department, Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, has just approved a plan by the Earl of Scarbrough for a golf course on Maliby Common in South Yorkshire. This has quite bunkered local opponents of the scheme. At a public inquiry in 1982 objectors claimed that the Earl did not own the common and was therefore debarred from making the application. However, the then Secretary of State, Tom King, subsequently declared that he had seen documents which "sufficiently substantiated" the Earl's claim. The objectors at the inquiry asked to see this evidence, but the request was turned down. I expect the local objectors to drop the matter, for they would now have to take legal action through the High Court, which they could ill

 A useful tip for newspaper owners engaged in circulation warfare comes from this advert in a Fulham Road pet shop: "Bull Terrier, £250 for quick sale. Good with kids and with newspapers."

#### Pious hope

A reader tells me that a wall of Richmond parish church in London carries a memorial to a vicar who died in 1806. "Pure, Just, Beneficent, Liberal and Pious" is the inscription. Sitting below it on Sunday mornings can often be seen Alan Watson, Liberal candidate for the marginal Tory constituency of Richmond and Barnes. Could he be hoping the electors of Richmond will make a connection?

#### Colonel Clint

Is Clint Eastwood trying to make a point or is it just coincidence that the poster for his latest blood and guts extravaganza, Heartbreak Ridge, a homely tale of machineguns, Marines and the island of Grenada, portrays him as a dead ringer for the ubiquitous Ollie North, even down to the decorations? Cynics might suggest that Warner Brothers is just cashing in on another old actor's hardship.

#### Kicking it

The Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa is slowly coming to terms with the new reality.
According to the Catholic Herald. DRC ministers are doing their best to cut down on racist re-marks. And, rather like drinking, they are restricting themselves to one in the morning, one at lunch, and one good one with friends.

#### Knock in vain

City communicants looking for seasonal spiritual solace will find no room at the High Anglican church of St Mary Aldermary in Bow Lane. It's shut. A note pinned to the door reads: "Closed for the Christmas holiday (December 20th to January 6th)." What of the vicar and his verger? Watching the telly with the rest of us, I suppose.

BARRY FANTONI

Bill. Pint of New Evidence

#### Telefission

Irish television is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary to general acclaim. Not such ordinary news as you might think, in view of the caution with which the service was greeted on its foundation. President de Valera considered that the possible results, "for good or evil", would compare in magnitude with the splitting of the atom. Veteran parliamentarian Oliver J. Flan-agan dismissed establishment fears of its effects on the nation's morals with the immortal question: "Was not sex in Ireland before television?" Happily the consequences appear to have gone no further than "bringing Ireland out of its corner of the world", as one critic put it this week.

#### Island TT

How inappropriate of the Jersey Tourist Board to run a television ad in which actor John Nettles, who plays the title role in Bergerac, is seen swigging a pint of lager. Did it not realize that the character, portrayed as something of a hero on Jersey, is meant to be a reformed alcoholic?

#### Losing height

Another example of bookshop misfiling, this time from Norman Gelb, the mildly miffed author of a recent work on the Battle of Britain entitled Scramble. When a friend tried to buy it in a London bookshop he was instantly referred to the fiction shelves. Hardly fair testimony to the book's veracity.

The crisis over US arms sales to Iran is described in Middle Eastern terms, but is really about America. The Iranian regime is pursuing its course more or less as it was doing before the bizarre arms deliveries

The Iranian revolution is savage, but it is not small-minded. It is a serious chapter in the history of ideas and it is not going to be dethroned or humanized by trivial cloak and dagger gestures. That some US officials believed Iranian "moderates" could be won over by sending the regime inconsequential packages of arms tells an ominous story about decisionmaking in Washington.

If responsible Israelis believed such things, we would be in serious intellectual trouble. More likely, they were acting out of friendship for an American ally with an unassailable claim to our solidarity.

George Shultz, Secretary of State, was the most lucid voice during the recent turbulence, and his present counsel is that we all return to rationality in dealing realistically with hostage problems and in avoiding the reinforcement of anti-western Islamic fundamentalism

There is no reason for any of us to be delighted about the victory of either Iran or Iraq in the Gulf War. But an Iraqi victory — which is unlikely - would be the success of the army of a country whose interventions against Israel have been mischievous but marginal. On the other hand, a triumph for Khomeiniism, aided by West-ern arms, would be the triumph of

a contagious idea. If that idea were to sweep across Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states, Egypt and Jordan, the Middle East would be an uncomfortable place for Israel and a poor environment for the survival of humane values or stable societies.

It is a clear case for a hands-off policy until real opportunities for influencing the Gulf area arise. The war is more likely to end in compromise between exhausted belligerents than in the creation of a new power centre in the region. To divide ourselves into pro-Iragis and pro-Iranians is folly.

Abba Eban, former Israeli foreign minister, puts the troubles now besetting President Reagan into an overall Middle East context

# Don't let Iran divert us from path of peace

One lesson to be learned would be a less deferential attitude to clandestine diplomacy in all free societies. These are more colourful than regular statecraft and far more productive of best-selling novels and investigative journalism, but they rarely affect the large

currents of history.

If the Middle East is relatively unchanged by the recent turnult, the same cannot be said of America. Friends of the United States in Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere have a helpless sense of being crucially affected by events in which they have no right or capacity of direct influence. Because Europe's immense economic and intellectual potential has not been reflected in an autonomous international role, the United States is the only free society whose domestic events cast their shadow across the entire human scene. All that other family members can do is indicate as tactfully as possible what they would like it to do.

We must first hope that Washington will break out of its obsessive preoccupation with a single issue. The spectacle of a great power having little time for anything except relentless selfinvestigation drives its friends to

It is beyond question that the Watergate crisis of 1974 impeded the solution of international problems. James Callaghan has instanced the case of Cyprus. My own conviction is that a continuation of Henry Kissinger's mission in the summer of 1974 might have added an Israeli-Jordanian disengagement agreement to those already reached with Egypt and Syria. If that had occurred, the Arab-Israel area would look different today.

The effective and dignified working of the US presidency is a crucial component of the inter-national balance. Many non-Americans are thus the allies of those in the US working for the restoration of domestic stability.

It would be defeatist to regard the Reykjavik summit as the collapse of hope for arms control. The intervening discussion seems to call for limited agreements for control rather than a Utopian vision of abolition. But the main question is whether arms control should pre-empt the US-Soviet agenda to the exclusion of the gional tensions which are more

likely to threaten world peace. Even spectacular reductions in nuclear weaponry would still leave the world exposed to the threat of a nuclear holocaust. On the other hand, wars raging in the Gulf and Afghanistan and unresolved tension in the Caribbean and the Middle East could conceivably lead to fatal miscalculations. And some hopeful first signs of progress in human rights, as the release of Sakharov proves. The pretence that arms control is the only key to detente has not stood

any empirical test. It might seem unrealistic for me in Jerusalem to assume that a tormented Washington might now give its attention to encouraging a peace process in this region. Yet the objective possibility of success for American good offices is greater than is widely assumed. President Mubarak and Mr Peres, at their Alexandria meeting last November, urged that 1987 become the "year of negotiation".

Jordan has endorsed that hope.

Mr Peres, in his two years as prime minister, managed to expunge the idea of annexing the West Bank and Gaza from Israel's official doctrine as defined in the 1984 Coalition agreement. Over a million Israelies voted for vigorous anti-annexationist platforms in the 1984 election. The maintenance of a deadlock with continued Israeli rule over a huge Palestine Arab population might soon weigh more painfully on Israeli democracy than on the Arabs who live under that rule. There are Palestinian leaders who are now beginning to understand that the traditional PLO slogans envisaging Israel's disappearance are idle fantasy.

Those who strive for peace in this region must be thankful for such small mercies, in which case we would cease calling them small. US mediation contributed to Israel's five signed agreements with Egypt and Syria between 1974 and 1979. Many Israelis aspire to a structural condition which would give our country the hope of reconciling its security with its democratic vocation. But if 1987 is to be a year of American paralysis, it is unlikely to be a year of Middle Eastern negotiation. It is for the United States to decide whether this vision is less alluring



# Tetter to Jord W Sol. Offuse of

Excuse, my lord, the liberty I take By thus addressing this raw piece of verse. I need the man who's had the greatest stake In twelve months bigger spending, Aids and worse. I've looked around and back but sadly fear That, good Lord Whitelaw, you've had an awfully good year.

Two introductory notes: the first on style. You certainly still have it to the tee, A fleshy grin, a sudden dash of bile, You may not rouse a pack of rabid haters, But many though're your underestimaters.

The second is of literary convention
Where I've aimed high (how wisely you will see) At Byron, Wystan Auden and James Fenton, At rhymes that riled Dick Crossman and Southey. But since this is a journalist's excursion I've dropped two lines — a subedited version.

Relax, I shan't chastise you for the time You chanced to find your firm and loyal fist Full of real power, when Thatcher's digit did decline Too close for comfort to her comely wrist. You held the reins as tight as tight could be, Not bad for a Viscount in the twentieth century.

The job in question, that of Deputy Prime Minister, does not of course exist Except in fact. But what else matters at a time like that? Downing Street stood quiet as summer mist, You held the button (would you trade Bryansk for Bute?) While Margaret slept on morphine substitute.

The crisis passed. Were crises all so easy! Westland had left the lady rather sad And Bernard Ingham's men distinctly queasy. But, as for you, things were not half so bad, That thing called "Thatcherism" not half so hearty. A helicopter had come to the aid of the Party.

You'll say, perhaps, that's very well with hindsight, It didn't seem so rosy in the spring When what and why and how Mayhew might write Made every little Labour heart to sing 'All hail to them who knew no better Than to leak that cruel Solicitor General's letter".

There were, I grant, a few uncertain days When Margaret seemed to miss her very courage When Norman showed anticipatory ways And Denis urged the gentle road to Dulwich. Then faith returned, the prayer not "deeds" but unity. When that's the word, your lordship has impunity

To do what's needed for faint hearts in Surrey, To stop the sale of British Leyland cars, To keep control on rents (damn Lawson's worry!) To scrap M3, send monetarism to Mars. While Baker tried to sort out education You saved the Rover losses for the nation.

The Cabinet's quieter now with Michael gone To Henley, where he builds a landscape garden. He had his points but balance wasn't one, weight, a babbling brook at Baden has more. He spoke a lot for town and inner city But ended more like Brown, Capability.

The same goes for your colleague Brittan, Leon. (He never was as interesting as Sam) While Minister for Crime he'd tried to be on Good terms with those who like to flog and hang. He made you out a slave of Queen Anne's Gate. How sad he met so miserable a fate!

As if one Heseltine were not enough The summer saw the rise of Bill, another. The Queen was cross that Margaret was so tough With K.K., Bob Mugabe and their brothers". While grandees were in action for the Palace You stood accused of mischief, even malice.

For Queenly worries "didn't stop at Bothas Or threats to our great commonwealth of nations They stretched to all unhoused and would-be workers. To other totems of the wet persuasion". It took a letter from her Private Secretary To end the tabloid tales of tricks and treachery.

As Auden said, "sex, c'est une autre affaire" Though now with Aids at large, perhaps it's not. Who would have thought in January this year That you would be the man to stop the rot, Discussing with a civil service force Each finer point of safer intercourse?

It's time to end: come, Juan, "carpe, carpe", Or so great Byron once so gaily wrote. His use of foreign words is so relaxe, All imitators have to follow suit. I've spared them since you show no little peur. That Russian trip with Healey, de rigueur.

It served, howe'er, to reinforce what all the polls display That Labour's new defence plans are a loser. Denis, of course, knows it (although he does not say). He'd rather talk of Mahler or Marcuse. And thus the new year auguries are in. A woolly Whitelawed Tory team to win.

# Who should be our sugar daddy?

Britain's sugar industry. It is a subject that arouses strong passions, and whatever verdict the commission reaches is certain to the commission, which could well decide that neither takeover would be in the public interest.

organization, Food from Britain.

At the centre of the dispute is the British Sugar Corporation, whose 13 factories process all Britain's home grown sugar beet, which last year amounted to some 7,700,000 tonnes. The rival bidders are Tate and Lyle, whose refineries at Silvertown, east London, and Greenock, in Scotland, process all the cane sugar imported from Third World countries, and the giant Ferruzzi corporation of Ravenna, Italy's third largest private sector com-pany after Fiat and Montedison.

By the middle of next month the

Monopolies Commission is due to

pronounce on who should control

be bitterly criticized in some

Quarters.

Ferruzzi appeared to steal a march on its rival last month when, through its British subsidiary, Agricola UK, it acquired a 70 per cent stake in BSC from its present owners, the commodity brokers S & W Berisford. But the deal is subject to the approval of

Tate and Lyle are arguing that a monopoly — or, to use their preferred phrase, "a unified British industry" — would be in a better position to defend the interests of British growers; a view industry as a whole. which most growers and the

National Farmers' Union appear The NFU was more than a little miffed earlier this year when the man chosen to take charge of Agricola's British operation, at a reported six-figure salary, was none other than its former president, Sir Richard Butler. It made its displeasure known by publicly withdrawing its nomination of Sir Richard to be the next chairman of the promotional and marketing

But it is not just pique that motivates the NFU's opposition to the Ferruzzi deal. David Naish, its deputy president, is concerned about the "huge power" it would give Ferruzzi, which already has big interests in France and Italy, to manipulate the European sugar

While it would be unlikely to be able to "fiddle" the national quotas, which are established by the European Commission in Brussels, it might well be inclined to favour its French subsidiary, Begin-Say, when it came to disposing of non-quota surpluses, to the extent that British growers might be faced with competition from cheap French imports. "It is difficult to see how the same company can serve two masters."

its interest in developing industrial uses for sugar, and if it needed to grow more beet for this purpose would be more likely to choose France because of its more favour-able climate, Naish believes. He is also concerned about the increasing competition from sweeteners derived from iso-glucose and about Ferruzzi's close links with the Montedison chemical group. Sir Richard counter-claims that

Tate and Lyle would find it equally difficult to reconcile the interests of British sugar beet growers with maintaining the profitability of the Silvertown and Greenock refineries, which are virtually the only outlet for cane imported into the EEC under the Lome Convention. He has also given an undertaking that no BSC factories would be closed for at least five years, and that present BSC management, staff and fac-tory workers would be retained; something that the Tate and Lyle management, in talking about "consolidation", has pointedly refused to do.

John Young griculture Correspondent **Roger Scruton** 

# Exam figures -and facts

system is in a state of crisis and that only a new dispensation can give the childen of poorer families the opportunities they need. Readers of this page may greet the report with scepticism, remembering Anne Sofer's article two weeks ago. Mrs Sofer produced figures from a DES report showing a small improvement in examination results between 1976 and 1985. Thus 16 per cent of pupils left school with one or more A level passes in 1976, and 17 per cent in 1985. Of those without A levels, 8.5 per cent had 5 or more O levels (or CSE equivalent) in 1976, 11 per cent in 1985.

Moreover, in 1976 69 per cent of papils were in comprehensive schools, in 1985, 85 per cent. "If the standards of our education system," Mrs Sofer writes, "are behind those of some other countries, it is because we started further behind, in that pre-comprehensive era often evoked nowadays as a golden age." In other words, the figures are a vindication of the comprehensive system which Mrs Sofer, then a member of the Labour Party, worked so assiduously to instal. The fact that the "other countries" which put us to shame - West Germany and Japan - have retained a system of selective schooling is of course

irrelevant. As a grammar school boy and a university teacher, I can remember obtaining a real education through the state system; and I am in a position to compare that education with its modern substitute, in the situation most likely to test the level of a pupil's knowledge. So my instinct is to ask whether the figures which she has chosen reflect a real tendency; and, if they do, what is the

The first thing that we notice is that the DES's figures were gath-ered from all schools — independent, comprehensive and selective. More discriminating research is difficult to come by, and the DES has a habit of publishing tendentious statistics. Nevertheless it has been established that no less than 63 per cent of pupils leave independent schools with at least one A level. And while only 6 per cent of school leavers are from the independent sector, these pupils obtain about 16 per cent of all O level passes, 25 per cent of A level passes, and 50 per cent of grade As at A level. In the light of such statistics, it is surely nonsense to suppose that figures which refer to an overall improvement tell us much about the state educational system.

Furthermore, it has been estabhished by the National Council for Educational Standards (and agreed, after scandalous attempts at sabotage, by the statisticians of the DES) that roughly 25 per cent higher results are to be expected from a selective system than from a system that is fully comprehensive. No overall improvement car neutralize the implications of this

astounding piece of evidence. It was in 1965 that Anthony Crosland issued his circular requiring all local education authorities to adopt the comprehensive system. With that concern for the lower orders which has ever animated the true Wykehamist, he told his wife that "if it is the last thing I do, I'm go-

A report published yesterday aring to destory every f-ing gram-gued that the state education mar school in England. And Wales. And Northern Ireland."

Fortunately he did not succeed. We can therefore compare what bappened in England after his "reforms" with what happened in Northern Ireland, which remained untouched by them. In England and Wales we find that O and A level results rose rapidly during the 1950s and '60s. Then, in the 1970s, as Crosland's measures took effect, they suddenly levelled off, showing almost no significant improvement during the decade from 1970 to 1980. In Northern Ireland however, where the selective system remained, examination results continued to rise and now stand (in respect of those achieving one A level or five O levels) some 50 per cent higher than in England. The levelling off was totally unexpected. In 1970 the DES, extrapolating from existing trends, predicted that, in 1980, 212,000 school leavers would have at least one A level; in fact there were only 120,000.

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In interpreting Mrs Sofer's fig-ures we should also remember the following: the enormous increase in educational resources, which have more than doubled in real terms per pupil since 1961; the constant decrease in pupil-teacher ratios, now at their lowest ever level; the introduction of new, less demanding and more widely sat examinations: the radical improvement in educational opportunities for girls; the long-term effect of raising the school-leaving age; the advance of "curriculum reform", and the introduction of "soft options", so that, for example, arts and craft and sociology now rival English and maths at A level in the ILEA. Such facts make it immensely

surprising that the proportion of pupils leaving school with an A level has not doubled during the period to which Mrs Sofer refers. In fact it has remained almost the same. In any case, what does this constancy prove? What matters is not the number of pupils who pass, but the standard which is required of them in order to do so. When I sat O level English literature I was compelled to read Chancer in the original: this is now generally expected only at A level. When I studied for S level mathematics, I had to solve the differential equations in Piaggio, something that is now expected only of university students. Moreoever, pupils increasingly leave school with A levels in subjects like sociology, which demand little academic expertise. It is therefore quite wrong to claim that the slight improvement in passes noticed by Mrs Softer is sufficient to prove that standards are rising.

So great has been the commitment to egalitarian reforms that people have refused to notice the extent to which the educational opportunities of poorer children have been damaged by the comem. Anne Sofe claims that the facts to which she refers have been concealed in the interests of politics. Perhaps she is right. But what of those other facts far more telling, and to a university teacher even alarming - which have been concealed in the interests of the politics of Mrs Sofer?

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#### Paul Pickering

# Painting the tree red

After watching a film about wildeyed Japanese warriors shouting "Banzai" and hacking each other to pieces, a friend remarked: "Of course, they're just like us these days." But they're not; my goodness they're not. I don't mean that car boot

quality controller Yamashita at the Nissan plant in Co Durham will commit ritual suicide at the end of his shift if he leaves his raw fish lunch in the model meant for a VIP. Nor do I share my uncle's fear that a Japanese ratchet factory in his area is the advance guard of a creeping Nipponese menace that will take over the country.

But some differences go deep. Recently, when offered extremely lucrative work from the land of the falling cherry blossom, I was silly enough to question whether, being so far away, they might forget to part with the year on time. "Such a thing could never happen," I was told rather huffily. "If we do something dishonest we are written in red on our family tree." Being blackballed by the Garrick Club apparently has noth-

ing on it.

Those written in red are also governed by a rigid set of rules. One is allowed to steal, extort and rob only from other criminals, all of which makes the job of the police much easier. In doubting the willingness of the company to pay I had inadvertently been comparing my would-be employer to the likes of Ronnie Kray. It is easy to see how misunderstand-

ings arise. The businessman then told me the sad experience of a Japanese couple on the London Underground. The girl's purse was stolen, but her stocky boy friend cornered the muster and ordered him to give it back. Mugger No I started to comply, then a larger mugger No 2 appeared on the

You too will wait here while I get the police," said the tourist, imbued with the Japanese ethos that villains still play by the rules of "it's a fair cop, guv". Of this the muggers were unaware. They simply hit him as hard as they could and ran off with the girl's purse, into the hands of less gentle railway bobbies.

At the court case, when a counter-charge of assault against the Japanese boy was filed, he said that such a thing could not have happened because Japanese people do not like touching others, especially muggers. But what really bewildered the court was his refusal - having flown all the way back from Japan to testify - to answer questions under cross-examination.

His argument was a simple one. He had travelled a long way to tell the truth and sworn to do so. Why was the man in the black cloak calling him a liar? He had come back to see the guilty punished. To doubt his story was to imply that he too was a criminal and written in red on his family tree . . . it was all enough to make the judge want

to eat his wig.
But such British attitudes to the law are what makes one senior executive of a Japanese company put steel bars on the windows of his Home Counties house.

"There are still many divides between us," he said, as we ate fried bean curd washed down with malt whisky, and other exquisite dishes served by his wife. "Take the Japanese approach to women. My wife of course permits me to go to a club with hostesses. That is the Japanese way." His delightful spouse smiled dutifully.

At half past six the next morning I received a hysterical call from the executive who, after the mists of single malt had cleared, immediately imagined himself in the gossip columns.

"Don't worry," I explained "I

wouldn't tell anyone. It wouldn't be cricket." There was a silence. "Clickets?" he asked eventually, very puzzled. Oh well, vive la

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Imagine a vast country of 280 million people constituted as a federation of states which remains united out of the political and economic selfinterest of each. Imagine that same country governed by a federal parliament in which where the selection of the selection of the selection from the selection from the selection of the selection from the selection each representative has had to compete for election and stands regularly for re-election. Imagine that country as a socialist state in which, outside the large state monopolies, the market rules and the small entrepreneur flourishes. Could this vision ever be the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics?

> As 1986 passes into 1987, it looks improbable. But it is easy to forget that only 70 years have passed since Russia became the first state to attempt to implement Marxism. There is a tendency to forget (and in the Soviet Union that memory lapse is state policy) that less than a century ago the Russian Empire was just starting out on a road that might have led towards Western-style democracy and that it was embarking on industrial and agricultural modernization on a scale that could have incorporated Russia into the rapidly growing international economic sys-

The years between have seen the Russian Empire become the Soviet Empire. The lumbering imperial bureaucracy has been rebuilt. The finer points of cultural heritage have been disowned; intellectual traditions and the pursuit of knowledge have been extinguished by the new orthodoxies of Marxism-Leninism. But the greatest indictment of the Soviet system in its seventieth year is that it has failed even in its own terms.

As a nominally socialist country, the Soviet Union has one of the sharpest real income differentials in the world. As a state governed nominally by the workers for the workers, fewer than 50 per cent of all Communist Party members are ciassed as workers. A nominally democratic country, it has no mechanism either for replacing its leaders or for the status of truth. VOICINE CITEC professing to lead the world, it falls behind not only on infant mortality), but on less embellished performance happen.

quantifiable tests, such as probity in public life, as well. Until recently uncomfortable facts such as these have been studiedly ignored inside the Soviet Union. Indeed, they

have been systematically covered up by those with access to the information and enshrined in a mythology of optimism - the inevitable "bright future". Those like Academician Sakharov, with both the access to the information and the courage to interpret it, have been silenced. The "contradiction" of the

"ideal" state turning up crime, corruption, scientific and economic stagnation, into the third and fourth generations, has been successively ascribed to the remnants of history, the damage sustained during the second world war, Stalin's "personality cult" (in retrospect), malign Western influences and sabotage by sundry "imperialists". Neither Soviet leaders, nor their ideologists, nor their economists could bring themselves to look straight in the mirror.

Within a few decades the reflections would anyway have been distorted. Surveys and statistics produced by official agencies for the ruling Communist Party were themselves embellished. Unfulfilled plans were fulfilled and overfulfilled on paper. Crime statistics were sanitized. When the truth about alcoholism, family breakdown and life expectancy became too unpalatable, it was suppressed.

Recognition of the gulf be-tween the ideals from which Marx and Lenin proceeded and their embodiment in the Soviet Union of today has been a constant theme of Soviet dissenters since the 1960s. It is one reason why, in his first extended interview since his release, Dr Sakharov described dissent as a moral phenomenon. Morality, like culture and learning, has been subsumed into Marxism-Leninism. Above all, the quality of honesty has been lost, subordinated to a political theory which was elevated to

honesty has begun to damage the national interests of the measurable indices (such as Soviet state - as this year's Anatoly Marchenko could not

statistics form the basis for next year's projections and rote-learning replaces the mastery of knowledge for qualifications - the leadership has finally addressed itself to the problem. It is the single development that could transform the Soviet state.

So far, the pursuit of honesty has been manifested only modestly. Since the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl it has begun to penetrate the official media - though Chernobyl, like the unrest in Kazakhstan, demonstrated that the new openness was distinctly limited by Western standards. It has begun to penetrate the economic establishment, with the delayed publication of missing statistics from recent years. It has touched the cultural and academic establishment, with belated recognition for hitherto suspect artists and scholars and a new encouragement for interest in the Russian past.

Beginning with the new edition of the Communist Party Programme, it has also begun to penetrate the morass of ideology which underpins Soviet practice. That programme, subdued in tone. shorn of its earlier confidence in the eventual victory of communism, reticent about the worldwide application of the Soviet experience, gave the first sign that the Soviet Union's self-righteous aggressiveness might one day be tempered.

At the end of 1986, there are only faint intimations of change. If they become clearer in 1987, it may then become possible to talk of a second phase of the October Revolution. This would be a phase in which the sense of mission compled with insecurity which has pervaded Soviet foreign policy is replaced by a Soviet readiness to take its place in the international arena as a normal state. It would be a phase in which criticism of the Communist Party was permitted in which the remaining heirs of the Russian intelligentsia could play a role with pride. It would be a phase in stan, the detention of Andrei Sakharov and the death of

#### COMPETITION AND GAS

British Gas extolling the mer-its of competition. The newly privatized corporation wants to import gas from Norway (and also perhaps from Algeria and the Soviet Union) because it wants maximum competition among its suppliers. It reckons thereby to obtain the keenest prices.

Most consumers would accept that logic, But the Government would prefer the company to buy more of its gas from the British sector of the North Sea. No doubt there are several different views in Whitehall. It is hard to see the Treasury either happily imposing additional costs on British industry or forgoing Corporation Tax on profits. Yet the collective view of Ministers is that British interests and jobs require pressure on a private sector company to act against

its own best interests. The argument is familiar from other public sector decisions. Yet the Department of Energy's position seems particularly difficult to defend here. Gas extraction is not a labour-intensive manufacturing process but a highly capital-intensive operation. The numbers of jobs involved cannot be large in relation to

Patent protection

Butterfield

(December 1).

From Professor Sir John

Sir, As a former Chairman of the

Medicines Commission I can well

understand the frustrations of our

pharmaceutical industry as re-

flected by the recent letters from

Sir Graham Wilkins (November 26) and Sir John Harvey-Jones

Pharmaceutical manufacturers

in this country are being denied a

full opportunity to recoup the rewards of their inventiveness as a

result of the licence-of-right provisions in the 1977 Patents Act

which make the last four years of

patent protection vulnerable to

"copying" companies of home

I appreciate that the Gov-

ernment sees complexities in in-

troducing, at this time, the wider Intellectual Property Bill that was

the piece of legislation earmarked

for the commitment to repeal

licences of right for medicinal

products, which incidentally provide a balance of trade "surplus"

for this country of over £800mil-

and overseas origins.

lion a year.

It is pleasing, if curious, to find the money at stake. They could well be fewer - though more visible - than the jobs which might be lost if Britain's gas consumers have to pay more, or if returns on investment fall because British Gas is prevented from buying in the cheapest market.

British technology is at issue, but it is not strategically vital and it will probably survive on a diminished diet from British Gas. If the Government was right to go for Awacs rather than Nimrod, then it is surely right to allow the private sector to buy foreign gas.

The rising oil price may well make the exploitation of British gas from the North Sea more profitable. But if not, there is no point in developing high cost resources ahead of low cost resources simply because they happen to be British. That would only penalise consumers.

However, the economic argument is one that cuts both ways. If it is right for the corporation to be free to shop around among competing suppliers, then it must also be right for the consumer to be able to shop around. Competition brings benefits both when its suits British Gas and when it does not.

So far as domestic consumers are concerned, competition is unfortunately not likely to become a reality. The Government's dubious decision to privatize the gas industry en bloc rather than after separating out the different businesses means that in the forseeable future the small consumer is unlikely to have any alternative to British Gas.

The same is not true of industry. Under the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act of 1982, large consumers of gas can negotiate directly with independent gas producers and then take delivery through the British Gas pipeline network. Ofgas, the industry's watchdog, has the duty to ensure that charges levied by the corporation for use of this network are not excessive.

No large consumer has yet made use of this opportunity. But the fact that in one case British Gas undercut a potential rival producer suggests that more vigorous competition might well hold down prices. It is time for one of the independents to challenge British Gas on its charges and, if necessary, take its case to

Surely, the balance must now be struck between the industry and Government in this sector of our economy. It is my earnest hope that someone in Westminster will step forward and accept the chall-enge to repeal the unfair aspects of the 1977 patent laws through a private member's Bill, or some other parliamentary device, that will enable the Government to

honour its commitment to one of the most successful sectors of our commercial economy. Yours faithfully, JOHN BUTTERFIELD, Cambridge University School of Clinical Medicine, The Clinical School, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge.

#### Firm in the seat

From the Chairman of the Side Saddle Association Sir, I must disagree with the sweeping statement, in your report (December 23) on the Queen's decision to give up riding sidesaddle at the Trooping the Colour ceremony, that riding side-saddle is "a physically fatiguing and potentially dangerous equestrianism that most horsewomen no longer even attempt". The Side Saddle Association has more than 1,000 active riding members; in addition, many ladies who are not members of our association and who show, hunt or ride for pleasure, do so side-

· Miss Sylvia Stanier has recently revised and updated Doreen Archer Houblon's book, Side Saddle. Chapter I says: "Nevertheless, it is an undoubted fact that a sidesaddle can give a woman a far firmer seat than she would ever have astride".

Burmese has been a loyal servant to her Majesty the Queen and it is right and fitting that she should enjoy honourable retirement. I cannot, however, accept that riding side-saddle is a dangerous form of transport. Yours sincerely, MARIE STOKES (Chairman, The Side Saddle Association).

Higham Farm, Chapel Lane, Guestling Green Nr Hastings, East Sussex. December 23.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping abreast of technology

From Mr Frank Glyn-Jones Sir, Mrs Thatcher's Government has been in power during almost the whole of the period when Nimrod was developed. At the heart of Britain's manufacturing problem is the difficulty in keeping up with advancing technology, and with every wave of new technology we have become more dependent on overseas manufacturers. Computers have largely been in the hands of foreign multi-

Now a vast new industry is on the horizon, one that will provide products to work with the digital telephone networks, and already there are signs that Japanese industry as well as American is. setting up subsidiaries in the UK in preparation for this opportu-nity. Few foreign MNCs achieve a net export/import balance in Britain's favour.

Sooner or later Britain must break the mould and once again build new world-class industries. The Government believes thatthis function is not its role and that it must rely on market forces and initiative from within industry. But market forces are not succeeding and the situation is getting desperate.

The Government has had a glorious opportunity during the last seven years by determination and leadership to make certain that the Nimrod project did succeed. The major issue seems to be that the cream of our talent, which is needed to build these new industries, is attracted elsewhere, some of it to the USA.

Whatever the factors, here was an opportunity for Government to find out at close quarters what the real problems were and acting in partnership with industry to take the necessary actions.

If there is one lesson from Nimrod which we must heed it is that we need a Government that understands manufacturing industry and provides the leadership for which the nation craves. Yours sincerely, FRANK GLYN-JONES

15 Bolton Avenue. Windsor, Berkshire From Mr Alistair Horne

Sir, Your leader of Friday (December 19) states, with surprising mildness, that "the

#### Family life

From Professor R. C. Whitfield Sir, Digby Anderson (December 9) properly sharpens the debate about family life by associating divorce with child abuse. Sustaining children's rights is only rarely compatible with the separation or divorce of their parents.

More perhaps than previous generations we now expect personal fulfilment from our marriages, but most of us have received little or no direct educational assistance regarding the skills of achieving that over the life cycle within a framework of personal responsibility to those who depend upon us.

We must therefore have a major change in our educational priorities so that we are better prepared for the productive work for our kith and kin which we carry out in the home environment. Everyone's personal and collective futures are, in fact, home

made. Yours faithfully, RICHARD C. WHITFIELD, Hon Chairman, National Campaign for the Family, c/o The Salvation Army (Legal Section).

101, Queen Victoria Street, EC4. From the Chairman of the

National Family Conciliation Council Sir, I welcome Digby Anderson's anguish in drawing public atten-

tion to another rise in the divorce rate and the consequences for children, which he calls "child abuse on a grand scale." He criticises "progressivist ideology" as both cause and response. Any remedy is, of course, as complex and long-term

as are the causes. In the meantime the 40 or so voluntary conciliation services which belong to the National Family Conciliation Council have sprung from local

The evil that men do From his Honour Judge Lipfriend Sir, The title to Bernard Levin's article (November 24), "The evil some men do is born within them", is not supported by all that follows. It is true he writes that some people "are evil, not are made evil" and that "only a very small number of people are like [Comrade] Tek, or could become like him". And he further suggests that because some people from the Broadwater Farm estate did not riot, then those from the estate who did are evil and were born

That Tek [described in the book Cambodian Witness] was evil in, say, 1980 at the age of, say, 30 is clear. But was he evil at 20 or at 10 Levin also writes, and with this

I am inclined to agree, "The greatest and most dangerous lie of our time is that we are solely the result of our upbringing, etc." Presumably, therefore, he accepts that upbringing, etc, has some influence on our behaviour. However, I strongly disagree with Dr Beckerman's thesis (fea-

ture, December 17) that the suffering in this world "is the product of a strange mix of genetic and environmental characteris-tics, for neither of which are people morally responsible". I believe there is something in

man apart from the strange mix Beckerman refers to and that we must rid ourselves of the dangerous view of the determinist, that man has no moral res-

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procurement ... must be re-examined". But what is surely From Mr David Young needed is a really far-reaching investigation into why British industry, in conjunction with the MoD, persistently fails the Armed Forces, and the British taxpayer. It is not as if Nimrod was a oneoff disaster. We have had it all-before. In the late 1950s, much money and effort was expended on developing Blue Steel, an air-to-surface "guided bomb" that was to provide the main delivery vehicle for the British nuclear

deterrent. This was then scrapped in favour of Blue Streak, a ground-But in 1960, on the persuasiv technical arguments of the Chiefs of Staff, Blue Streak was also scrapped £60million (multiply by 10 for today's equivalent) had already been spent on develop-ment, and a further £500million would have had to be spent on its most recent drought. production.

Britain was thus left high and dry, without any strategic missile of its own. The Americans then came along obligingly with Skybolt, another air-to-surface weapon, offered on most "attractive terms". But by the end of 1962, this too was scrapped - with no warning to the British - by the Pentagon.

The result was one of the worst Anglo-American rows since Suez, only defused by some skilful personal negotiation between Macmillan and Kennedy, which led to Britain getting Polaris in lieu of Skybolt. But the mainstay of British defence remained, and still remains, conditional upon factors within the US, and out of British control. And then there was TSR-2... The list goes on.

The question that should have been asked 25 years ago is the same today: what is wrong with British high tech? Is management less efficient than that of our competitors? Have we failed to spend enough on technical training and research, over the years? The answers need to be found even more urgently now than in Macmillan's day. Yours faithfully.

ALISTAIR HORNE 21 St Petersburgh Place, W2.

community concern. They focus parting parents' concern for their children's needs on planning to continue their joint parenting as co-operatively as they can in order

to prevent the worst of the

Our frustration is due to the almost total lack of Government support for these or any other initiatives during the last 10 years while the divorces have been reaching their present rate. There have been Government committees, but we have yet to believe in the emergence of any committed social policy.

THELMA FISHER, Chairman, National Family Conciliation Council 34 Milton Road, Swindon, Wiltshire.

#### First things first From Mr R. R. Jessel

Sir, I have no doubt that a Government, supported by its Civil Service (and this includes HM Treasury), that, on the one band, can tolerate wasting £900million on mismanaging the procurement of a conventional weapons system, fight the Falk-lands war, fail to reinvest the proceeds of North Sea oil, sell off the nation's capital assets from British Telecom and British Gas and spend the proceeds as revenue; and, on the other hand, can fail to pay its teachers and nurses adequately and require the National Health Service for dentistry and spectacles to wither away, an finally squeeze the Arts Council grant to less than it requires to do its job, not only has no principles worth speaking of but also a wrong sense of priorities. Yours faithfully, ROBIN JESSEL, Finance Director,

Kent Opera, Pembles Cross Egerton, Ashford, Kent.

ponsibility for his actions. Man has within him the choice of good or evil but, and this must not be ignored, the choice he makes may be considerably influenced by his genes, his upbringing and the history and culture of his people

and of his environment. For Beckerman to argue that because philosophers cannot explain why two people with identi-cal genetic endowment and identical environmental experi-ence could behave differently, then there is no possibility that they would behave differently is, with respect to him, unsound. Perhaps the philosophers cannot explain it now to his satisfaction, but what might they be able to explain, no doubt with some further help from the scientists, in

10 or 20 years' time? Beckerman's thesis is a dangerous one, but so I believe is that implicit in the title to Levin's article.

Yours truly, ALAN LIPFRIEND, 10 Woodside Avenue, No. December 28.

From Sir George Engle, QC Sir, On the subject of moral education Fanny Kemble has always seemed to me to have said the last word. In her Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Islavel Plantation she wrote: The half-wicked of the earth are the leaks through which wickedness is

eventually swamped. Yours faithfully, GEORGE ENGLE, 32 Wood Lane, Highgare, N6.

#### Locust threat in Ethiopia

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Sir, It is essential that we in the West act now in order to avert another influx of refugees from Tigray, Ethiopia, into Sudan. Of the 200,000 who trekked into Sudan in 1984 over two thirds have returned to their land to sow their crops. They were provided with seed by the Relief Society of Tigray, an indigenous humanitar-ian organisation, but now, just as they are on the verge of becoming self-sufficient again, another threat stands in their way. I am referring to the millions of locusts that have been breeding

after the last major rains which also enabled their crops to grow. These locusts are not yet at their most damaging stage, but if aerial spraying is not carried out soon a far worse tragedy will strike the already weakened people, who are only now recovering from the

Two planes equipped for spraying are stationed in Ethiopia, but the Government, which is fighting a civil war in Tigray, will not allow the spraying to go ahead and will not grant permission for international agencies to spray there either.

It is thus of paramount importance to put pressure on the Ethiopian Government to allow the spraying to go ahead before it is too late. Yours sincerely, DAVID YOUNG,

#### Cheaper power

December 18.

3 Rochampton Close, SW15.

From Mr N. Barnes Sir, I confess to being puzzled by the frequent references to the prospect of cheaper electricity from nuclear power following the example of the French who generate 60 per cent of their electricity from nuclear fuel.

In fact a householder in France pays more than I do here in England. Moreover the French electricity supply system derives a considerable amount of its power from hydro-electric stations which have relatively low running costs, lower, perhaps, than nuclear sta-

A comparison between similar tariffs for householders in France and England is as follows and the figures seem to speak for themselves.

Off-peak (night) 3p/kWh 1.9p/kWh
Day 5.21p/kWh 5.24p/kWh
Annual fixed charge £118 £40.56p Day Annual fixed charge

The rate of exchange used in converting French currency to Starling was 9.35F = £1.

There is a further sting in the tail for the French consumer who has VAT and local taxes added to bus bill, amounting in one typical case to some 26 per cent. Yours faithfully, N. BARNES, Doveridge, Sponden Lane,

Sandhurst, Cranbrook, Kent. December 15. Can one credit it? From Mrs Pamela Duckham

Sir, I read with interest the article by Richard Thomson (December 10) on credit cards because of a recent experience. Preferring to pay my credit account in full and finding that I

had used my last cheque, my husband obligingly wrote one for the amount. This private domestic arrangement resulted in the following:
1. An inquiry from his bank if he

would like his credit limit raised as they noted he had an account with another bank for a credit com-2. A second letter wondering why

there had been no answer to the first. (We hadn't stopped laugh-3. My latest account includes the information that my credit limit

has been raised.

Will they retract all these offers when the reciprocal cheque is paid in, we wonder? Yours faithfully, PAMELA DUCKHAM, 19 Amersham Hill Gardens, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

#### Benefit for disabled

Sir, The Government has ann-

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#### ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 30 1930

Sir Leonard Woolley (1880-1960) was knighted in 1935 on the completion of 13 years' excapations at Ur of the Chaldee in what is now southern Iraq. Many of his finds are on display in the British Museum

#### **EXCAVATIONS** AT UR THE TOMBS OF KINGS

HOPES OF TREASURE (By Leonard Woolley) UR (By mail)

The Joint Expedition of the

British Museum and of the Muse

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nia has begun its minth season's work at Ur with a startling discovery, that of the tombs of the great kings of the Third Dynasty The rich graves of the prehistori cemetery were those of kings whose names, where they have been recovered, were new to us: U-Engur, who about 2400 B.C. built the Ziggurat, his son Dungi, his grandson Bur-Sin, builders of many temples and rulers of an empire which stretched to the Mediterranean, stand for the most splendid age in the history of Ur and are familiar figures, and now their burial-place comes to light. Late last season we exposed part of a wall-front whose bricks were stamped with the name of Bur-Sin: the excavation of the building was one of the main items in our programme for this year; it proves to be an annexe of a much larger building erected by Dungi. The clearing of this is heavy work, for the enormous mud-brick walls which Nebuchednezzar built round the Sacred Area run right across the site and have to be dug through; below these are private houses of about the twentieth century B.C., and it is only when these have been swept away that we can lay bere swept away that we can lay bare the work of the Third Dynasty. Probably not more than half of Dung's building has yet been brought to light, a building with immensely solid walls of burnt bricks laid in bitumen, with square and rounded buttresses along its outer face and flights of steps leading from its central court to high-lying chambers at the south-

west end of it. Bur-Sin's annexe is more modest, but it is still one of the best examples of building preserved at Ur.
The fittings of one room in the annexe show that it was intended for the worship, presumably that of the deified king, but the buildings are primarily tombs. In Bur-Sin's courtyard a small shaft leads under a wall and through a corbelled doorway into a long vaulted chamber, still standing almost intact, which can only have been the

It is too much to hope that the royal graves should have escaped the notice of the enemies to whom Ur so often fell a prey, though until the last tomb has been opened hope persists; but even if not a single object should be found we are amply rewarded. The actual tomb of Bur-Sin is one of the finest monuments at Ur, but it is almost nsignificant conpared with what we have, even at this stage, in Dungi's building. At the back of this two flights of stairs lead up to what was a high paved room beneath its floor there lies a huge brick-lined pit, more than 20ft. deep, which had been filled in with clean, packed soil. In a recess on one side of it is a bricked-up door through which steps led down to a square brick platform at the pit's bottom: from this broad stairs run down to left and right and, passing beyond the limits of the pit, enter long vaulted rooms or passages The corbelled roofs of the passage The corbeiled roofs of the passages are in a dangerous state and must be shored up before we can enter them — at present they are supported by the earth filling,

which we dare not remove.

... Already, with the work only half done, we have one of the most monumental ruins existing in Mesopotamia: the splendid brickwork, more than 70 courses of it, going down sheer into the ground with the great staircases at the bottom is more impressive than if it stood up above the surface and makes a much stronger appeal to the imagination: what may be below and behind it all we have yet to learn.

#### From Mr A. A. Aston

ounced a change in the rules for a proposed benefit payment to severely disabled people (report, later editions, December 12). But this is no "victory" for disabled people. Fewer people will receive the payment than the Gov-ernment originally estimated and many disabled people will be left

Ministers originally estimated that 10,000 people would be able to receive a planned new severe disability premium as part of the social security changes in the Social Security Act. Now the Government has accepted it was

Even with a change in the rules to allow recipients of both higher and lower rates of attendance allowance to be eligible for the premium, the Government now expects only 7,000 people to be eligible. At the same time, tens of thousands of disabled people face being worse off in the future than they would be now because of the overall changes introduced by the

It is hard for the Government to claim to take proper account of the needs of severely disabled people if it makes such extraordinary errors as it has now revealed in its statistical estimates. The Government should provide full protection to prevent present and

future disabled claimants from being left worse off than they are under existing benefit arrangements, if the Government is to prove its caring credentials. Yours faithfully. TONY ASTON (Director,

Vocational and Social Services Division). Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, W1. December 12.

#### Odds-on chance

From Mr F. G. St Clair Strange Sir, It seems a pity to "cap" Mrs -Welchman's letter (December 17) but I cannot refrain from recalling. that, at about 2 pm on a Saturday in May, 1949, I was driving up Park Carriageway East (when it was still a two-way street) and was following a car with the registra-tion number RT 6334. I noticed this because my first car, which I had sold 10 years earlier, was RT.

After spending the weekend in Kent I had to return to Murble Arch and was again driving up Park Carriageway East at 9 am the following Monday, when one might have expected a completely different motoring population in the West End. I was following RT 6334.

Yours faithfully F. G. St CLAIR STRANGE,

Church Hill House, Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent.



# **COURT**

#### SOCIAL **NEWS**

The Princess of Wales will attend a performance of High Society, in aid of Help the Hospices at the Victoria Palace on February 23.

Princess Anne will visit Stockport Grammar School, Greater Manchester, on February 24.

visit the ASHA Neighbourhood Project at 43 Stratford Street, Beeston, Leeds, on February 24 and will be entertained at lunch. Princess Anne, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a preview of a sale of work at Hugh Ripley Hall, Ripon, North Yorkshire, on February 24.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend the senior student's dinner at Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will Gardens, WC1, on February 25.

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of the Rev John and Mrs Hall, of

Tooting, London, and Elizabeth

Sarah, only daughter of Mrs Olive Mayne, of Stockport,

and Miss K.S. Williams
The engagement is announced

between Trevor, only son of Mr

and Mrs N.L. Thurston, of Underberg, South Africa, and Katharine, eklest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R.J.B. Williams, of Rochester, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of M and Mme F. Vainker, of

M and Mme F. Vainker, or l'Ancienne Solle, Briey, France,

Mr M.B. Hall

Mr T. Thurston

Mr P.S. Vainker

and Miss S.J. McPherson

and Miss E.S. Mayne

#### Forthcoming marriages

Captain M.B. Andrews and Miss F.L. Carter between Martin Andrews, Royal Engineers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Andrews, of Lightwater, Surrey, and Finola, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Gerald Carter, of

Longcot, Oxfordshire. enant R.P.W. Bell, RN and Miss J.E. Bufton The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs R.B.E. Bell, of Ashey, Isle of Wight, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A.G. Bufton, of

Ryde, Isle of Wight

Dr N.H.L. Bryson and Miss S.J. Gibson The engagement is announced between Neil, eldest son of Dr and Mrs T.H.L. Bryson, of Upton, Wirral, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J. Gibson, of Kidderminster,

**Appointments** Lientenant-Colonel Seymour Gilbart-Denham to be Crown Equerry in succession to

Lieutenant-Colonei Sir John Miller, who has held the appointment since 1961 and who is to retire next August.

Professor Barry Cauliffe and
Mr John Newman to be members of the Historic Buildings
and Monuments Commission for England (English Heritage). Mr LM. Osborne to be Head-master of Belhaven Hill, Dunbar, in succession to Mr D.R.D. Vass, who is retiring next July.

#### Latest wills

Mr William James Ferguson, of Westminster, formerly Chief Executive and Secretary of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, left estate valued at £104,916

Mr Geoffrey Le Mare, of Littlebourne, Kent, left estate valued at £904,747 net. He left £10,000 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Mr David Cook, of Burnham

Market, Norfolk, brush manu-

facturer, left estate valued at Mr Geoffrey Gould Marler, of Fulham, left estate valued at £452,424 net. He left 16 large measures of whisky to Mr John Triggs and nine gallons of beer

and Shelagh, youngest daughter of the late W. Duncan McPherson and Mrs D.C. McPherson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire. Birthdays today Professor Sir Roy Caine, 56: Mr Anthony Cripps, QC, 73; Gen-eral Sir David Fraser, 66; Sir

Reginald Groom, 80; Lord Harvington, 79; Professor J. T. Houghton, 55; Lord Howick of Glendale, 49; Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, 78; Professor Rosalinde Hurley, 57 Robinson, 71; Lord Taylor, 76; Lord Terrington, 71; Sir Eric Weiss, 78; Sir David Willcocks, 67; Mr Clifford Williams, 60.

#### Polytechnic news

North Staffordshire Mr K. B. Thompson, acting director, to be the new director of the polytechnic next year, in succession to Dr J. F.

Middlesex Professor David Marks, former senior lecturer in psychology at the University of Otago, New Zealand, to be head of the school of psychology. Professor Michael Hall, former head of bydrology unit Halcony.

head of hydrology unit, Halcrow and Partners, to be head of the school of civil engineering. Mrs Sheila Tan, former principal lecturer in constructed textiles, to be head of the school measures of whisky to Mr John Triggs and nine gallons of beer of textiles and fashion.

Miss Janet Goodridge, former principal lecturer in dance, to be head of the school of dance.



Joanna Pickard, of Notting Hill, London, showing off the finery of a Victorian court dress from the Kensington Palace collection during a chidren's morning at the museum yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

#### From 'heretic' to hero

# Spain reclaims philosopher

Half the participants, many

Spain, underlining a posthu-

mous reconciliation between

an opponent of King Alfonso

XIII and Spain's ruling Bour-

It took place in the same

Astray, the Nationalist army general, who denounced him

with the cry "death to

Unamuno's equally famous prophecy of the outcome of

the war - "you will win because you have enough

But the Spanish, British,

haunted the congress.

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intellectuals".

Miguel de Unamuno, the most famous of the Spanish intellectuals of the Second Republic, who was twice dismissed as rector of Salamanca University during the political storms of his times and branded by a Spanish Catholic bishop even in the 1960s as "a master-teacher of heretics", has finally come into his own these days in this ancient Castilian town.

A new and much deepened understanding of the contradictions in thought and deed of the Basque philosopher, poet and journalist has emerged from an inter-national congress of Una-muno scholars just ended here, where he died 50 years ago tomorrow, isolated from everyone.

"We have a giant on our hands, that's clear". Dr Nicho-las Round, of Glasgow University declared, and this congress, which has revealed the full extent of his stature, could only have taken place in a democratic Spain, aware of its obligation to understand its own roots".

charted the evolution of a lifelong liberal. Disgusted by of them undergraduates from Salamanca and other univerthe anarchy of the Second sities, were under 30 years of Republic, Unamuno mistakenly but sincerely, they argued, believed Franco would The 10-day congress opened in the presence of the Queen of

restore order. Finally, he realized, amid the horror and cruelty the civil war, that these generals were going as Professor Elias Diaz of Madrid's Autonomous University put it, "for a regime based on terror".

hall of the university where in October 1936 one of the most famous episodes of the civil In his native Basque country Unamuno has been remembered, even though he war occurred, Unamuno's courageous clash with Millan opposed the emerging Basque nationalism and derided the Basque language.

Only Spain's ruling Socialist Party seems to have forgotten the young Unamuno writing articles for Bilbao's pioneering Socialist press in much harder times.

brute force but you will not Tomorrow, a plaque is to be unveiled in Salamanca's Plaza convince" - inevitably Mayor by the authorities recalling the great man on the day he died, isolated and vilified by both sides in the American and French scholars who spoke on those last vilified by crucial months of his life, civil war.

#### His wife, Margaret Rowat, whom he married in 1942, died in 1969, but he is survived by their two sons.

sian film director, died yesterday in Paris. He was 54. He was one of a generation

"socialist realism" after the death of Stalin in 1953. He won international ac-

claim when his first feature. Ivanovo Detsivo, gained the Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival. Throughout his career his films enjoyed a greater reput-ation abroad than in the Soviet Union, where he was in frequent conflict with the authorities.

Tarkovsky was born in Moscow on April 4, 1932, the son of a poet. He was a graduate of the Soviet State Film School where he studied under the director. Mikhail Romm. His first film, a short called There Will Be No Leave Today, was made in 1959. His diploma work, The Steamroller and the Violin, won a prize at the New York Festival

Ivanovo Detstvo (Ivan's Childhood, 1962) is the story of a boy whose childhood is ruined by the Nazi invasion of Russia. Unlike most Soviet war films, this is free from sentimental stereotypes.

His best known picture is Andrei Rublev (1966). This tale of the medieval Russian ikon-painter was hailed in the West as a masterpiece, and won the International Critics' Prize at the 1969 Cannes Film Festival. It has strong parallels with the career of the director himself, who was a devout Christian.

It was banned in Russia for five years, though, as one critic has suggested, more on account of its length (over three hours), violence, audity and arbitrary structure than because it was any threat to the regime. The film eventually won orthodox acceptance in Moscow, where critics praised

its patriotic theme. Tarkovsky's disenchantment with the authorities intensified over the next decade, as projects were blocked and the films he did manage to complete were given a minimum release. He was, he complained, being allowed to work "for export only."

Solaris (1972), a science fiction film short on special effects, follows three cosmonauts in their exploration of a planet. Shot in black and white, it sticks to Tarkovsky's favourite theme: the spiritual versus the material. It was of the second.

#### Scottish administrator in the Johnston mould ber 27. He was 94.

ticularly keen on economic

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standards then in force) was

more than justified by his

performance in the job, which

he combined with part-time membership of the South of

Scotland Electricity Board, so

ensuring close cooperation be-

tween the two bodies. This

phase of his career ended in 1978.

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Haddow had a restless and

resourceful temperament, a mind that was quick to grasp

problems, the capacity to take

decisions, and a fiery, tena-

cious quality in argument. He

was forthright but kindly to

his staff, usually apologizing

interest was golf, at which he excelled. Since he tended to

play in khaki shorts, be was an

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1978 to 1984.

the Scottish administration.

Sir Douglas Haddow, KCB, 1973. He gave strong direction to the civil service in Scotland, who devoted his life to adminwhile proving a formidable advocate of Scottish interests istration in Scotland, and who served for eight years as Permanent Under-Secretary in Whitehall, where he was much respected. He was parat the Scottish Office, died

SIR DOUGLAS HADDOW

**OBITUARY** 

Thomas Douglas Haddow was born on February 9, 1913, and, after schooling at George Watson's College, Edinburgh, civil service, he became at was a star student of matheonce chairman of the North of matics at Edinburgh Universi-Scotland Hydro-Electric ty and Trinity College, Cambridge. protocol (by the unwritten

suddenly on December 26. He

was 73.

He then decided to sit for the Administrative Civil Service and did so well in the examination that he could certainly have had a place in the Treasury. But he chose instead to enter the Scottish Office.

After working for six years in its health department he became, in 1941, private secretary to the wartime Secretary of State, Tom Johnston. with whom he remained until 1944. This was a formative experience in his life. Johnston was perhaps the greatest Scottish Secretary in the com-paratively short history of the office, and Haddow was an apt pupil as well as a highly competent aide.

During the period immediately following the war he played a leading part in estab-lishing the National Health Service in Scotland, and he was later, from 1959 to 1962. secretary of the department of health. He was a powerful influence in the process of reorganizing the Scottish Office, which led among other things to the creation within it of a department of development. Of this he was the first secretary, from 1962 to 1964.

In 1965 he was appointed Permanent Under-Secretary, and he held the post until

#### MR ANDREI TARKOVSKY

a golf course.

Mr Andrei Tarkovsky, Rus- declared too obscure for Soviet audiences, but received another award at Cannes.

Mirror (1975), also fell foul of talented young directors of the Soviet authorities, and who broke with orthodox this time Western critics had to concede that its fragmented plot did not make for easy viewing. A meditative account of his own childhood, it features Tarkovsky's mother as the matriarch.

> Stalker (1978), his last Moscow film, was a return to science fiction. An allegory of the human condition, it was shot with Soviet funds and facilities, but shown only for a few weeks in the Soviet

He eventually applied to work in the West, making Nostalgia in Italy in 1983. Cerebral, enigmatic and diffusely plotted, it is a return to the strange universe of Solaris and Stalker, with their haunting visions of fire and water. The following year he an-nounced his decision not to return to Russia and was stripped of his citizenship. The film has never been shown in Russia

In October 1983 he made his début in opera, staging Boris Godunov at Covent Garden. Widely acclaimed, the production was an attempt to get beneath the pomp and explore the inner drama.

Last year he went to Sweden to begin work on a new film -The Sacrifice - shooting on the eastern coast of Gotland, within a hundred miles of Soviet soil. The film received the jury's special grand prize at Cannes in May of this year, but he was too ill to receive it in person. Instead, the award was collected by his teenage son, Andrei, who was allowed to join his parents in Paris in January after an 18-month separation.

Earlier this year, too, Tarkovsky was invited back to Covent Garden for a new production of The Flying Dutchman, but was forced to withdraw through illness.

He rarely admitted to speaking English, mostly turnbling recklessly in and out of Italian and Russian, which was translated by an interpreter. In keeping with the mood of his films, he kept his actors in the dark, giving them only a bare story-line each day, and DO SCRIPE

He was twice married, and both wives survive him, to-gether with a son and daughter of the first marriage, and a son

#### PROF DUMAS MALONE

BIRTHS.

Dr Dumas Malone, Ameri-can historian and biographer of Jefferson, died on Decem-

Born in Mississippi on January 10, 1892, he graduated from Emory University, Atlanta, and then went to study and teach at Yale. After war service in the Marine Corps he was awarded his doctorate in 1923, in which year he was appointed assistant professor at the University of Virginia Charlottesville, becoming pro-

fessor three years later. Between 1929 and 1936 he was first, editor, then editorin-chief, of The Dictionary of American Biography, and from 1936 until 1942 editorin-chief of the Harvard University Press.

Returning to Charlottesville, he then started work on his Jefferson biography. This eventually ran to six volumes, entitled Jefferson and His Time, and the whole work took him four decades to write. He completed it in 1981 despite being nearly blind since 1977.

He was then a director, for five years, of the British Though considered by some Investment Trust, and was chairman of the court of to be over-indulgent to Jefferson's attitude to slavery, Heriot-Watt University from Malone is on the whole quite ready to acknowledge faults in He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, an hon LLD Strathclyde, and his subject.

In an interview two years ago he compared later leaders unfavourably with Jefferson and his great contemporaries. They, he said, "thought more about the future, and they

knew more of the past." Malone was professor of history at Columbia from 1945 to 1959. Then he returned, finally, to Virginia as Thomas Jefferson Foundation professor, becoming professor emeritus and biographer-inresidence in 1962.

In 1975 he received a Pulitzer Prize for his magnum opus, and in 1983 the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He married, in 1925. Eliza-

beth Gifford, who survives him with their son and daughter.

#### **PROFESSOR** HERBERT DIECKMANN

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Professor Dieckmann, authority on Diderot and Avalon Foundation Professor Emeritus of the Humanities at Cornell University, died at Ithaca, New York, on December 16. He was 80.

He was born at Duisburg, Germany, in 1906, and studied at the universities of Bonn and Paris. He held teaching posts at the Turkish State University in Istanbul and at Washington University, St. Louis, before becoming Smith Professor of French and Spanish at Harvard. He joined the Cornell faculty in 1966 and retired in 1974.

It was at Harvard that he made his major contributions to the study of French literature. He had found the Diderot papers, in a closet in a château near Fécamp owned by Diderot's descendants, and his analysis of these drew wide attention, especially in France.

Dieckmann's major publication, Cinq Lecons Sur Diderot, appeared in 1959, and was based on a series of lectures which he had been invited to deliver at the Collège de France in 1957. They emphasized the importance of Diderot as an artist as well as a scientist and philosopher.

Like his authoritative 1955 edition of the Supplément au Voyage de Bougainville, these lectures were based upon a combination of thorough scholarship in the Germanic tradition and a perception and lightness of touch which made an immediate appeal to scholars in France, as well as in the English-speaking world. Dieckmann is survived by

his wife, Jane, and and their three children.

#### SIR TOM HOOD

Sir Tom Hood, KBE, CB, businessman and Territorial officer, died on December 14. He was 82. Tom Fielden Hood was

born on March 16, 1904, and educated at Clifton College, of which he later became a governor.

He trained as a chartered accountant, and from 1931 to 1957 was a partner with the Bristol firm of Lawrence, Gardner & Co.

From the late 1920s he was active in the Territorial Army. being commissioned in the Royal Engineers at the age of 23. During the Second World War he served with the 61st Division, Scottish Command and the Second Army, and

was promoted colonel in 1945. He was director of the National Employers' Mutual General Insurance Association Ltd from 1950 to 1976, and chairman of the Portman Building Society from 1960 to

He was appointed a DL for Gloucestershire in 1950, and was a member of court of Bristol University since 1956. He chaired the commission of enquiry into the future of the Port of Aden in 1963.

Hood was a fine figure of a man, who had been a rugby player in his youth. His forceful but likeable personality encouraged many to join the TA at a time when its fortunes were low. In business, he was shrewd and steady. He married, in 1931, Joan Hellyar, who survives him

with their two sons.

Oxford ship in chemical physics from October 1, 1987: Donal Donat Conor Bradley, BSc (Lond), of Churchill College, Cambridge.

Dr Charles Longhurst, RA, PhD (Exon), senior lecturer and head of the department of Spanish and Portuguese, Leeds Univer-

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Dr P. Towner, BSc, PhD, has been appointed lecturer in bio-

Other appointments

Emeritus professor. Dr F.

Glockling professor of in-organic chemistry, 1966-83, and Dr K.J. Ivin, professor of physical chemistry, 1966-84. Professorial fellow of the university: D.V. McCaughan, technical director of Marconi Electronic Devices

General Huang Ke-cheng, a chief of staff of the People's companion to Mao Tse-tung and veteran of the Long March, who was purged during the Cultural Revolution, died on December 28. He was

Born in Hunan province, Huang attended the Whampoa Military Academy in Canton, under the control of Chiang Kai-shek. He joined the Communist Party in 1927. He was one of the commanders of the Eighth Route

Army and New Fourth Army during the war against Japan, and played a decisive role in the capture of Peking and Tianjin during the civil war against the Nationalists.

In 1958, after the Communist takeover, he was made last year.

ment taken to indicate greater political control of the armed forces. The next year, however, he was replaced after a speech by Mao heralding a campaign to counter rightwing tendencies.

rightist in 1967, during the Cultural Revolution, and remained out of the public eye for the next decade. He returned to favour in 1978 when he was elected a member of the Party's Central Committee and secretary of the central discipline inspection commission.

With other ageing leaders, he resigned from both posts

Pollution from vehicle exhausts in Stockholm, where low temperatures make the fumes more conspicuous. Science report London lead pollution falls by half

The level of lead pollution in London's air fell by half in 1986, according to the most detailed study to be carried out anywhere in the United Kingdom in the first full year since the amount of lead in petrol was reduced.

But while this improvement repre sents one of the biggest contributions to reducing environmental pollution re-cently, the fall was still lower than expected. The level of lead in dust, thought to be a major source of exposure to lead for young children, has remained unchanged in background areas such as school playgrounds and housing estates.

The reduction of lead concentrations in petrol, from 0.4 to 0.15 grams per litre, which came into effect between November 1985 and January 1986, was the first step to the removal of all lead from petrol. A study to measure the extent to which the cut has reduced the public's exposure to lead was carried out by the Air Pollution Group of London Scientific Services, formerly the GLC's Scientific Services Branch.

Measurements of concentrations of lead in the air were taken at 13 sites, and 17 sites respectively for concentrations of lead in the air and in dust, in or near London before and after the lower limit was introduced.

Reductions of lead levels in the air were found to range from 53 per cent at the roadside to 34 per cent at background sites - those more than five metres from the kerb of a busy main road, at a time when lead in petrol fell by between 60 and 65 per cent.

These findings suggest there is a

residual component of lead in air which is unaffected by the reduction of lead in petrol, although even after this is taken into account the fall was still less than expected. Further monitoring will be needed to find the reason for the

Lead in dust levels was found to have dropped alongside busy roads by between 10 and 40 per cent. But no overall change was observed at background sites such as playground where children are particularly voluerable. This may be due to a large pool of lead

in dust which is long-lasting, said Dr Duncan Laxen, of London Scientific Services, who researched and compiled the report with Bob Jenser If this is the case, said Dr Laxen, then the change in lead in petrol may take a long time to work through to backnd dusts. Or it may be that petrol

lead makes only a small contribution to the amount of lead in this dust. Further monitoring will be required to test these hypothesis and to see whether other measures are required to reduce

the amount of lead in the environment. Dust and air are two of the most important pathways carrying lead into the body. More detail on how the reduced lead levels are directly affecting the bloodstream will come in the findings of a Department of the Environment study to be published next year.

A new study concludes that many American children may be suffering mild hearing loss from exposure to lead. Using data collected on more than 3,000 children and teenagers, the researchers

found that even low levels of lead in the blood increased the likelihood of subtle hearing loss that could affect a child's

ability to understand speech. The study also found that low levels of lead could delay the time when a child first sat up, walked and talked, and that exposure to lead increased the likelihood that a child would be hyperactive. The study showed that the more lead in the child's body the greater the chance

of impairment. The report was conducted by Dr David Otto, a research scientist at the University of North Carolina, in conjunction with Dr Joel Swartz, of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Policy Analysis in Washington. Dr Otto said:"This is one more piece

of evidence that lead produces detri-

mental effects on the nervous system at very low levels". He added the research found hearing loss associated with lead in the blood below the Centers for Disease Control's current standard of 25 micrograms of lead per tenth of a litre of blood. At levels as low as 10 micrograms per tenth of a litre, lead interferes with the synthesis of haem, a component of blood that carries oxygen to the body's cells.

including petrol, batteries, paint and brass. Children are especially vulnerable. They breathe in more lead because their respiration rate is higher than adults. When they ingest it, their bodies absorb it at five times the rate of adults. Thumbsucking, mouthing objects and crawling around on the ground also expose them to more lead.

Lead is used in many products,

#### University news

A benefaction of £700,000 has been announced for the establishment of the M. and F. Soudavar Professorship of Per-sian Studies. An appointment is expected early in the new year. Elected into a research fellow-

sity, has been appointed to the chair of Spanish with effect from

Mr Derek Lovejoy, senior part-ner in Derek Lovejoy and Partners, has been appointed visiting professor in landscape architecture for three years from January 1.

international management and organization has been established with the support of the Berlin and New York publisher, Walter de Gruyter and Co. The new professor, Professor David Hickson, has already taken up

Queen's, Belfast Dr Robert Hamilton and Mr John McGuckian have been appointed pro-chancellors.

Chair of comparative pathology (Edin), PhD, DSc (Belf). Senior lectureship rheumatoley: Aubrey Leatham Bell, MD (Belf). Conferment of titles

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a son, Sebastian James David. WARMINGTON - On 26th December, in Brisiol, to Lucy (nee Artus) and Keith, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

EADIE: BROWN On 30th December 1961 at Congregational Church, Gerrards Cross. William to Mary now at East Sheen SW14 SUMMONS-DAGGER - On 30th Decem-ber 1961, at St. Mary's, Cadogan St. London SW3. Terry Simmons to Pa-tricia Degger.

DEATHS

ACERHOLM On 25th December peacefully, at home. Dr. Margaret Agerholm, Much loved and admired sister, mother, grandmother and doctor. Funeral 11.50 am. Friday January 2nd at Crematorium, Randalls Road. Leatherhead. Flowers and enquiries to L Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road. Leatherhead. 0372 572436.

Private family fumeral.

BLAR - On December 28th after III.

Widow of Peter, mother of Catherine and loving grandmother of Ashley George. Burial service at St Mary's, Caterham-On-Hill on Priday January 2nd at 10.15 am. Donations in lieu of Lovers to the Marte Curie Fund. Caterham. Galyer & Co Tel 0883 842313

BRIANT - On December 27th pages.

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BRIANT: On December 27th, peacefully after a short filness at the 
Princess Grace Hospital NW1. Philip 
Robert, husband of Felicity and father of Julian and Andrew. Funeral 
Service at \$1 Saviour's Church, Walton Street SW3 on Wednesday, 
January 7th 1987 at 11 am. followed by private cremation. Family 
forwert only.

Record by Private Cereagan. Family Recording in St. Helen's Hospital Hastings. Dr. Harold Swainson aged 76 years beloved husband of Renti-and much loved father and grandfa-ther. Funeral service at St. Mathew's Danch Church St. Jeonarizan. Sea Parish Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea on Monday January 5th at 11.45am. om roomany annany of the family flowers only. Donations if de-sired. to St. Michael's Hospica (Hastings) Ltd.C/o of D.C. Mercer and Sons. 29 Sediescombe road North. St. Leonards-on-Sen. Tel North, St. 1 0424 421805

BUXYON - On December 29th at the Nutried Hospital. Cheffenham. Ruth Cressp. aged 91 years, of 22. Clan House. Bath. CECIL - On December 27th, 1985, peacefully at home, after a long illness bravely fought. Peter Garnet, dearly loved by family and many friends whose lives he enriched. Private family funeral. No flowers please.

CHAMBERS - On December 29th 1986, Sylvis Lucy in her 90th year. Private cremation, no flowers or let-ters piesse. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I.

CHURCHER - On December 28th. peacefully at Foxleigh Grove Nursing Home. Holyport. Barbara Mary, aged 82, dearly loved mother of Caroline. Timothy and Nicholas. Furreral service Wednesday December 31st at 11.15am. Holy Trinity Church. Windsor. Flowers to E. Sargeant & Son. 61 St. Leonards Rd. Windsor.

CLEFFORD—SAUTH - On December 27th, Pauline Elizabeth, loving wife of John and nother of Jonathan, Peacehully in her sleep at home, aged 60 years, Funeral at St Albans Churth, Tilford Road, Hindhead, Monday January 5th at 12 noon.

COSS - On 22nd December 1986. Arthur H K (Cobby), suddenly and very
peacefully at home in his 91st year,
beloved husband of Stivite and the
late Winnie, greatly loved by his
sons, grandchildren and many
friends. Funeral private. Thanksgiving service in St Lawrences' church,
Chobham at 12 noon on Thursday
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ment of the area as a shopping complex was planned, as well

COLE On December 27th peacefully at Rush Court. Walkingford, Oxon, after a short lifness. Myra Litian aged 94. beloved wife of the late lieutenant colonel R W Cole M.B.E. R.A M.C., dearned mother of Tich and Audrey and the late ivy and Erk. and mother in law of Geoff and Ron. greatly loved by mine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A lady of great institute and courage, loved and admired by many. Funeral service on Friday 2nd January 1987 at 10 48 cm at Oxford crematorium. All enquiries and flowers to J W Marcham, 55 Wood Street, Wallingford Oxford 36145.

GROWE On December 28th, in Berbados, Cedric, beloved husband of Dorothy and bather of Lyhwyn.

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DAVIES — On December 27th 1986.

John, Inther of Jane, John, Michael, Sarah and Tim.

BAVIES — On December 27th 1986. Suddenly, George John Davies, aged 73 years of Astarte Gallery. London W1. Much loved husband of Audrey and father of James. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday January 2nd at 11.20am (East Chabel). All enquiries to A France & Son Telephone 01 405 4901.

BIGGLE - On December 27th 1986. Peacefully. Christopher Wyndham. Most dearly loved by his fondly mor many friends. Funeral to be held at 81 Leenard's Church, Old Warden, at 3.00pm on Friday January 2nd 1987. No memorial service at his own request. Family flowers only. bit donations can be sent to the CARR GOMM SOCIETY. 36 Comm Rood. London. SE16

DUFF - On December 27th 1986, peacefully in Washington D.C. U.S.A. Carmel, much loved mother of Jacqueline, Declan, Graham and Anthony. Funeral to be held in U.S.A. Memorial service to be announced taire. Contact Jacqueline Doyle. 01 427 2074.

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EVERY - On December 26th 1986. John Reginald. Wing Commander trehred, O.B.E., aped 72 years, the very dearly loved husband of Mary (Jane) of Old Farm Collage, Chapel Lane, Northmoor, Oxfordshire, Funeral service at St. Denys Church, Northmoor on Friday January 2nd at 11 am (offowed by nrivate crems). Northmoor on Friday January 2nd at 11am, followed by private crema-tion. Family flowers only please. Donallors if desired to the R. A. F. Benevolent Fund.

FOLEY - On the 24th December, seace fully at Melrose, Margaret (nee Bruco Leslie) therished wife and compan ion of G Cameron Foley, Family (pperal, No flowers please. funeral. No flowers please. FORBES - On December 22nd 1986, at Bernerton Nursing Home. Torquay Winitred Mary Barton (Dephne), aged 67 years, wife of the late Leckie Forbes of Crockham Hill. Funeral service at Torquay crematorium on Friday January 2nd 1987 at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Torbay and Ostrict Funeral Service. Tel: 0803 22447.

FORSTER - On December 27th, at St Katherine's Wantage Ethel, four days after her 99th birthday. Last surviving daughter of the late Rover-end Bennet Forster, of Sevington, Kent.

GHBONS - On 27th December in hos-pital in his 84th year, Leonard John (Johnny), husband of Anne and brother of Hilds Knight, Funeral ser-vice at the church of St Philip and St lames, Hallow, near Worcester on Friday January 2nd at 2.45 pm, followed by cremation. Family flower only, dopations if desired, to Hallor Church Fund.

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GELCHRIST - On 25th December.

1986. Stridenly at her home. Dorothy Joan (use Navizzano) of Ardingly, Sussex, dearly loved wife of Finlay, mother of Graeme. Caroline and Colin, and grandmother of Sinton. Jonathan and Kate. Virginia and Mark, and Thomas. Funeral service private. Donations, if desired, to the British Red Cross Society. Camden Division. London.

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20W - On 25th December 1986, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidoup, Dr Lestie Eastham Burton Gow, aged 72 years. Deeply mourned by his loved ones.

GOW - On December 27th 1986, peacefully at home, Brigadier John Wesley Harper (Jack) Gow C.B... D.L... aged 88. Husband of the late Jean Begg J.P. and father of Sandy. Michael and Jock, also a much loved Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Cremation private, Service of Thanlagiving at Paistey Abbey. Paistey, Scotland. on thursday 8th January 1987 at 12, nom. No flow-January 1987 at 12, nom. No now-ers please.

MADDOW - On December 26th. in Ed-inhurgh, St. Douglas Haddow, KCB. fond father and grandfather. Crema-tion at Warriston Cramatorium on Wednesday December 31st at 10.30am. There will be no memorial service and no flowers at his request.

service and no flowers at his request.

RALLETT. On December 24th 1986, suddenly, David of Gothelney Hall. Charlynch. He will be very sadly missed by his family and all his friends, Memorial service at The Parish and Priory Church of St Mary The Virgin, Cannington on Wednesday December 31st at 10.30am, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to, The British Heart Foundation. 102 Gloucester place. London W1.

RART - On December 25th. 1986, peacefully, Gwen (née Posnette). Cremation January 6th. 2.30pp. Vinters Park, Maidstone, Kent.

MELL — On December 27th. Mary Hill of Chipping Campden, peacefully in her sleep after a long litners. Funeral service at St James' Church. Chipping Campden on Friday 2nd Jantiary at 2.30pm. No flowers please but donations may be sent to The Mid-Counties Autistic Society. Co Lloyds Bank, Chipping Campden, Glos.

KERR On December 28th, suddenly at home, Captain Mark W B Kert D.S.C. Rayal Navy (Ridd.) Dearly loved husband of Pat, loving father of Bim and Alex and devoted grand-father to their children. Funeral on Friday January 2nd at 53 Swithurs. Church. Littleham, at 2.15 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only donations if desired to the R N L I or to the Ship Wrecked Fisherman and Mariners Royal Benevotent Society. Childrester.

MABEY - On Christmas Day at The MABEY - On Christmas Day at The Royal Northern, Holloway, aged 88. (Judy) Ellaline Ursula May, widow of Commander Charles Mabey, much loved mother of Nina, Peter and Robin. Funeral at Colders Green Cremacitum. Bedford Chapel, at 3,10pm Friday January 2nd.

MACKINTOSH - On 26th December 1986, in Edinburgh, Angus Mackinghah K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.K., N.S.A.J.V. aged 71 leving and belowed bushand of Marigold, dear and devoked father of Helen, Anno, Ereas and the late Especial and much loved by their families. Service al Mortonhall cranatorium, Peniland chapel on Wednesday 51st December at 12.15pm. Family flowers only.

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Gooffrey Anderson Phalp. C.B.E.,
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BOERISON - On December 20th. Phil
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decision had been taken by Assistant Commissioner John

Dellow, head of the detective

Ouestioned about the use of

the photograph and whether

this had any connection with

the crash, Det Supt Corcoran

said: "We had a duty to

protect the public ... I am

quite sure in my own mind

that had the accident not

occured the man would have

been arrested very, very

According to Scotland Yard

sources yesterday, the wanted man was first identifed before

Christmas in connection with

the disappearance of Miss

Catherine Ainger, a student

from north London, who was

held for three days after going

Miss Ainger was found just

picture and description of

as the Yard was about to issue

The identity was not re-

leased because the girl was

safe. Police knew who he was

and expected to capture him.

There was no suspicion that

link between the two cases was

made, the full identity and

At the weekend, when the

Mr Chmilowskyj.

he might strike again.

force at Scotland Yard.

unday night the detective

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daughter called at about 9am yesterday and said: "I've never talked so much in four days. I just talked my way through it."

Mrs Ettridge said that her daughter was "in complete control of herself" during the conversation, describing how she had built up a "one-to-one" relationship with the mar, she was with.

The girl's father said that he had reacted in "a noncommital way" to the man's apology. "I did not know what finding herself in at the time, and I did not want to antagopize him any further."

Mr and Mrs Ettridge expressed their condolences to the family of the baby who was killed in the crash.

The death of a baby has spoilt our celebration. I feel so sorry for the baby's parents," Mrs Ettridge said.

"But we are very, very happy that Samantha is safe and we are looking forward to

"It is going to take her a little bit of time to recover. But she was all right and quite calm when she contacted us,"

Det Supt Corcoran said that Mr Chmilowskyi would be held at an unnamed police station for questioning by officers. He had been examined by a doctor after the crash

Manifesto

on schools

derided

# PO chief criticizes

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of the education committee on Kent County Council, the largest Tory-controlled authority in England and Wales, said that parts of the education manifesto contained some astounding and

offensive propositions. As a life-long Tory, he said he found the present vogue of blanket condemnation of LEAs distressing.

Mr David Hart, the general secretary of the traditionally moderate National Association of Head Teachers, said the report, in particular the suggestion that every school should be free of local authority control, was "totally impractical" in its outlook and that the report was peppered with gross exaggerations

**'**sell-off'

Continued from page 1

parcels division in 1989 and the letters division in 1990. Sir Ronald said that he was surprised that Mr Albon had not even considered whether, if the Post Office was privatized, it should be done as a

He said that, as far as he knew, the present Government had not taken a decision to privatize, He said that outside consul-

tant advice on the Post Office's present divisional structure had concluded that it vas was efficient. The chairman emphasized

the interdependence of the

four divisions of the Post Office: parcels, Girobank, counters and letters. Coal dilemma, page 2



timbers.

A man was killed yesterday when facade covering fifteenth century his car crashed into the front of a restaurant and exploded in flames. Police believe the dead man was Mr Oscar Rudolph, the restaurant's owner, who was thought to be in his

early fifties. They said the blaze had already started when a Volvo saloon crashed into Frog's restaurant in Canterbury, Kent, shortly before 6am yesterday.

The fire destroyed the listed building, part of the city's historic St Peter's Street. Up to 60 firemen fought the blaze, which took several hours to control

as a crowd of sightseers hampered

the emergency services. The restaurant was a Grade 2 listed building, with an eighteenth century

7.30 Fantastic Mr Fox; Gardner

Arts Centre, Sussex University,

Falmer, Brighton, 2.30 or 6.
Pinocchio, Gateshead Inter-

Mice and Men, lecture with

film The Mouse's Tale, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd,

Film, Volcano: The Geologi-cal Museum, Exhibition Road, SW7, 2.30.

Events for children

Reflections on Peace by Sister Sudesh, of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Charing Cross Hotel, WC2, 6.30.

Pie Flinging and Roller Skat-ing for under-11's; Burton Stone Community Centre, 2.

Stuff and Nonsense Puppet Workshop; Colchester Castle,

and 7.

Talks



The Archbishop of Canterbury at the scene.

#### Letter from Jerusalem

# Children failing Israeli spy class

bookstalls all round the intelligence field is minute.

It is a picture of Elie Cohen hanging from a gallows in Damascus after being executed for spying in May, 1965. For three years before he was caught he had been one of the most successful agents in a secret service with a reputation for success.

To the growing consterna-tion of Israeli intelligence the number of people capable of serving the country as efficiently as Mossad's master spy in Damascus is dwindling rapidly, largely as a result of Israel's growing identity as a

Elie Cohen was one of tens of thousands of Jews who spoke Arabic as his mother tongue. That made it possible for him to infiltrate the highest echelons of Syrian society and, in the end, come away with the master plan for the Syrian defence of the Golan Heights — a piece

Arabic essential for Elie Cohen

of intelligence that allowed the Israeli army to conquer this seemingly impregnable for-tress in a matter of hours during the Six Day War in

But the days of mass migration from Arabic speaking countries to Israel are over.

The only relatively large Jewish community in the Arab world is in Morocco, while those who arrived from countries like Syria and Iraq over 30 years ago are now too old for spying and their children have grown up proudly speaking Hebrew.

The migrants themselves, once they reached Israel, learnt the language of the new proved very unifying but it also meant that youngsters in Arabic families did not only not learn Arabic but tended to regard it as an inferior lan- knowledge of Arabic is essen-

30,000 students who each year which falls on deaf ears among start Arabic studies, only Israel's Hebrew-speaking about 1,000 a year complete young. the course to the level required by the intelligence corps. Ev-

The picture of one of ery year the number drops Israel's national heroes while the proportion of gradugrimly decorates the cover of ates who can go on to be a book that sells briskly in capable of working in the

> To merge into the background it is essential for an

Summer school for would-be agents

agent to know, not only the language, but the customs and lifestyle of the Arab people.

The intelligence corps has therefore started summer courses for likely students who do on-site studies of Arab villages and spend up to four nights with a Bedouin tribe.

Two pre-military boarding schools run by the corps in Jerusalem and Haifa give sixmonth-long courses in Arabic and high technology to selected students and the results are considered excellent.

But they are not as good as the real thing.

Elie Cohen was born in Alexandria in 1924 and spent the first 32 years of his life in Egypt. Even he needed a cover story that he lived in Argentina for years to explain his non-Syrian Arabic accent in Damascus. An agent who has learnt Arabic only in Israel would find it even more difficult to fit in.

Obviously Jewish intelligence can still count on skilled Arabic agents in the field. The pin-point accuracy of the bombing of the Palestine Lib-eration Organization (PLO) headquarters in Tunis last year shows that very detailed information must have been acquired on the ground.

The regular raids on Palestinian targets inside Lebanon also rely on good onthe-spot intelligence.

Beyond the needs of war are the needs of peace. The Knesser's education committee has accepted this part Jewish state as a step towards of the argument in setting finding a national identity. It aside \$150,000 (about £100,000) this year from the stretched budget to launch an Arabic project in schools.

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#### Today's events

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1 In another country, Edward

6 Many keen for old City fig-ure (5).

9 Creep in a romper-suit (7).

11 Ma not saying anything? Good Heavens! (5).

12 Gentle, in a strange way - if

15 Sea-birds return with an-

19 Unlikely to be high (4).

wild animal (5).

demanding (7).

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26 A plan to throw out (7).

the French touch (5).

20 Due a nice new house (8).

23 Everybody in the list is doc-

ile (9). 24 Dash with daughter from

27 Old single chap is very

28 Place of debauchery with

29 Hell - pearls squandered in

10 Decorative little bird (7).

Philharmonia Orchestra: Bar bican Hall, Silk St. EC2, 7.45. Endymion Ensemble; Endymion Ensemble Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St.

London Festival Ballet, The Nutcracker, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1, 3 and 7.30. Exhibitions in progress Leicestershire Guild of Crafts men Christmas Exhibition; Rut-

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,240

and County Museum, Catmos St, Oakham; Tues to Sat 10 to 1, 2 to 5 (ends Jan 10).

Babes in the Wood; Sittinghourne Town Hall, 2.30

Planetarium: Christma: Night Watch programme; shows at 1.15, 2.15, 3.15; Mayer Guided Tours: 1.30 and 2.30: Liverpool Museum, William Brown St, Liverpool.

Snow Queen; Regent Centre.

High St, Christchurch, Dorset.

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8 Corgi got a bit of the joint

16 This sort of story can lead to

17 Shrewd point shows ingenu-

18 Rescue device on hand (8).

21 Breathe badly? Here's a

22 Paddy, taken in by pub

23 Drinks from pith helmets

25 The regions are Anglo-Saxon (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,239

licity, weakened (6).

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#### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE Books — silly titles of the year

industry in Kent.

an historic building in the city. Three years ago a blaze destroyed the weavers' building, which dated

from the time of the early textile

Police said that Mr Rudolph lived

above the restaurant, had two

children, and was estranged from

The Literary Editor's selection of silly titles of the year:
A History of Manx Gardens, by Larch S. Garrad (Collector's Choice, £6.75)
Board Meetings in the Bath, by Chryssie Lytton Cobbold (Methuen, £10.95)
Developing Your Dolf Collection for Enjoyment and Investment, by Loretta
Holz (Robert Hale, £10.95)
How to Boll an Egg, Simple Cookery for One, by J. Arkless (Elliot Right Way
Books, £1.20)
Knit Your Own Skyscraper, by Torn Wombat (Angus & Robertson, £2.50)
Sex as a Sublimation for Tennis, from the secret writings of Freud, compiled and annotated by Theodor Savetsky PhD (Pagoda, £3.50)
The Aerodynamics of Pork, by Patrick Gale (Sphere, £3.95)
The Old Brown Dog, Women, Workers, and Vivisection in Edwardian England, by Coral Lansbury (University of Wisconsin, £23.50)
Wet Wickets and Dusty Balls, by Ian Miller (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95)
Whereon The Wild Thyme Blows, Some Memoirs of Service with the Hong-kong Bank, by J.F. Marshall (Token, £12.95)

1 Back to the Future 2 Rocky IV 3 Out of Africa

"The Saxons are Here": Anglo-Saxon activities for children 10.30 and 11.30, Liverpool Mu-seum, William Brown St. Children's Tour, Fact and

Fantasy; Rotunda, Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1, 11.30. Wizards of Steam, demonstration by Aubrey Tulley, Science Museum, Ex-hibition Rd, SW7, 3.

hibition Rd, SW7, 3.
Young People's Christmas lecture by Robert Swan "In the footsteps of Scott"; The Royal Society of Arts, John Adam St. WC2, 2.30.
Christmas Planetarium Shows - The Stars at Christmas 2.30, Exploring the Planets 3.30; National Maritime Museum,

On Safari at Kensington Palace; 10 to 1, Seventeenth Cen-tury Harpsichord Music, Kensington Palace State Apartments, W8, 2 to 4. In the Wardrobe, designing and making strange costumes: Hampton Court Palace, 10

Greenwich, SE10.

Passport applications

In need of a passport - then apply now rather than in the spring and summer. The application forms state that a minimum period of four weeks is required but during the summer months it could take up to eight weeks to issue a Dassoort

Application forms are obtainable from any of the Passport Offices, or from any main Post Office, except in Northern Ireand. The completed form should be sent to the Passport Office with the necessary fee, photographs, and supporting

Canned food

When you open a can of food always empty out all the con-tents. Keep the food that is not being used in a covered bowl in the refrigerator. Do not keep food in the can because once it is opened air starts to attack the lining, spoils the food, and increases the risk of food DOISONING

#### Top films in 1986

4 Top Gun 5 Santa Claus - The Movie 6 Aliens

7 Police Acad 9 Teen Wolf 10 The Jewel of the Nik

15 A Room with a View 16 Hannah and her Sisters

20 Jagged Edge This chart covers the year December 1 1985 to November 30 1986.

London and the South-east: A120: Roundabout construc-tion along Gt Stortford Rd, Gt Dunnow, Essex. A2: Road width reduced to the Conwidth reduced along Watling St.

The North: M1: Delays between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop/A630 Rotherham) and slip road closures at junc-tions 31 and 32 (M18). M6: Work at junction 23 (Merseyside) and contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston/M55). M63: Delays between junctions 1 and 7 (Eccles

Interchange/A56 Stretford) due to work at Barton Bridge.
Wales and the west: A38:
Delays between Exeter and Plymouth due to lane closures in both directions at Haldon Hill. A38/A358: Alterations to Blackbrook roundabout near M5 junction 25 (Taunton).

Scotland: A198: Temporary lights at Meadowhill junction, E Lothian, new roundabout, A92/A978: Restrictions due to roundabout construction between King St and St Machar Drive, Aberdeen. A77: Single line traffic with temporary lights N of Ballantyre on Glasgow to

Information supplied by AA

Lloyd's of London

The Lloyd's of London visitors exhibition is closed to the public until January 2 when the permanent display of moving pictures, sounds and models, reopens at 10 am.

Anniversaries Births: Rudyard Kipling, Bombay, 1865.

Deaths: Robert Boyle, chemist, London, 1691; Sir Sammel White Baker, explorer, Sanford Orleigh, Devon, 1893; Alfred North Whitehead, mathematician and philosopher, Cambridge Mostrobustte. Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1947; Trygve Lie, first secretary-general of the United Nations, Geilo, Norway. 1968.

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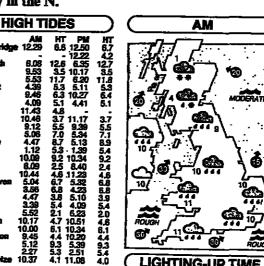
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Frontal systems will affect all areas of the British Isles. Apart from the far NE, where it will be bright and showmay have a spell of sleet or snow. N Ireland, along with SW Scotland, Wales and all western counties of England will have rain at first, with extensive hill and coast fog, giving way later to colder, showery, but brighter weather. Eastern areas of England will remain cloudy and mild most of the day, with rain at times. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Colder, showery westerly wind spreading to all areas. Windy in the N.

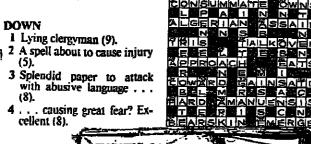


LIGHTING-UP TIME London 4.30 pm to 7.36 am Bristol 4.40 pm to 7.46 am Edinburgh 4.17 pm to 8.14 am Manchester 4.28 pm to 7.55 am Penzance 4.58 pm to 7.51 am

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

THE TIMES

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 30 1986** 

**Executive Editor** Kenneth Fleet

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THE POUND US Dollar 1.4680 (+0.0100)

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#### Takeover help for **Barrow**

Barrow Hepburn, the special chemicals and engineering company fighting a bid from Yule Catto, is buying Tor Coatings for an initial sum of around £3.1 million.

The issue of Barrow shares to Tor, representing 12 per cent of the enlarged equity, will help Barrow in its fight against Yule. Tor is not allowed to assent to any bid before December 31 1987 unless the bid is recommended by the Barrow board or unless the offer has gone unconditional with over 50 per cent accep-

The Tor acquisition was almost completed before the unsolicited Yule bid was launched, Barrow chief executive Mr Ray Way said. Tor makes anti-graffiti paint and is capable of being expanded greatly, he said.

#### **Texas Air wins**

Shareholders of the financially troubled People Express have approved a \$115 million merger with Texas Air. The approval makes Houstonbased Texas Air by far the nation's largest airline company, and means the end of People Express, which will be absorbed into one of Texas Air's carriers, airline officials have said. People Express lost \$245.4 million in the first nine months of 1986. The vote by People Express shareholders, about a third of whom are employees, was the final hur-Kas all's did to i control of the pioneering cutrate airline.

#### Blue Arrow's **US** hat-trick

Mr Tony Berry's fast growing Blue Arrow employment agency has clinched his third big acquisition in the United States. He is paying £10.3 million for Career Employment Services to boost his chain of temporary, permament and franchised agencies to more than 200 branches. The earlier acquisitions include Temporaries Inc and Positions Inc.

#### Pru ADRs

Prudential Corporation is to sponsor the issue of American Depositary Receipts in the United States. It follows Prudential's £405 million acquisition of Jackson National Life.

#### Japan rebuff

The European Commission rejected as insufficient tax reforms which Japan hoped would defuse complaints of unfair taxation on imported wines and spirits. The Commission is to take its case to Gatt next month.

Wall Street 18 Stock Market 19 Co News 18 Tempus 19 Money Mrkts 18 Unit Trusts 20 Foreign Exch 18 Commodities 20 Traded Opts 18 USM Prices 20

MARKET SUMMARY **MAIN PRICE CHANGES** 

RISES: . 519p (+11p) ... 287p (+6p) ... 99p (+7p) ... 398p (+7p) .. 225p (+58p) ... 399p (+8p) ... 267p (+9p) ... 711p (+21p) Finlan group ..... Clyde Blowers .... Burton Ti Group : Closing prices

FALLS: Mansfield Brewery ...... 388p (-9p) Morgan Grenfell ......... 384p (-9p) Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD London Fixing: AM \$391.40 pm-\$390.10 close \$389.25-389.75 (£265.00-265.50)

New York: Comex \$390.40-390.90\* NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm \$17.60bb (\$17.20)

Denotes latest tracing price

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STOCK MARKETS 1918.73 (-11.67) 

Commerzbank ....... 2049.0 (+5.4) ..... 83.25 (+0.11) **INTEREST RATES** 

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Us: Prime Rate 7%%
Federal Funds 8%\*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.70-5.67%\*
30-year bonds 101%-10171e%\*

CURRENCIES New York: \$: £1.4690" \$: DM1.9410" \$: SwFr1.6250" \$: FFr6.4285" London: £: \$1.4680 £: DM2.8523 \$: Yen158.95\* \$: Index:108.7 \$DR £0.832515

# £300m claim against Government

# Banks sue on tin collapse

Arbuthnot Latham Bank is-

against all 22 governments

Between them, these banks are

In each case the banks are

accusing the 22 governments of breach of contract, neg-

ligence and misrepresentation

over their roles
The banks' legal proceedings are being orchestrated by
Slaughter & May, the solicitor,
to reduce costs. Each bank,

however, is taking separate

legal action in its own name to

retain individual control over

The orders are from two US

operators, Piedmont Airlines,

four Jetstreams represent its

in three countries, worth

about £50 million, were also

announced for another 11 of

the BAe 125 series 800 busi-

Nine of the 125s will go to

five US companies, one of which has bought five of the aircraft. The other two orders

are from companies in Britain

Total order book for the

125, built at Broughton near

aircraft. Sales during this year

It had wanted to buy £20

paymentsand the assertion by

The Department of Energy

is under increasing pressure to

shore construction capability

Other alternatives which British Gas is considering

include buying gas from Russia and Algeria.

have reached 31

**British Gas pressed** 

to buy from UK

argue forcefully that British billion worth of gas from the Gas should buy as much of its Norwegian Sleipner field, but

supplies as possible from the the deal was vetoed by the

British sector of the North Sea Government because of its

to create jobs in the offshore effect on the balance of

British Gas management is the major oil companies that preparing to re-open talks with the Norwegian Government Gas's needs from the British

Gas argued that it had a keep intact the country's off-

for the purchase of gas from sector of the North Sea.

Orders by seven companies

its claims and because a single

claiming about £15 million.

ing it on the DTL.

A group of banks is to bring wort Benson, Australia and claims of more than £300 New Zealand Bank, and million against the Gov- Arbuthnot Latham Bank isemment for its role in the tin sued writs in the High Court

Three banks — Kleinwort and served writs on the senson, Australia and New Department of Trade and Zealand Bank and Arbuthnot Industry on the same day. Benson, Australia and New Zealand Bank and Arbuthnot Latham Bank - have issued writs against the Government, it emerged yesterday. They are likely to be followed by at least seven more separate legal governments today and servactions taken by banks.

All the banks are creditors of the International Tin Council, which collapsed on October 24 last year. Their action will coincide with an attempt by 11 metal brokers to recover at least £165 million in losses incurred through the closure The banks have chosen a

more direct route by suing the British Government in addition to the other 21 member governments of the ITC. action by all the banks is On December 18, Klein- considered too unwieldy.

Aircraft orders worth £90

million announced yesterday

aircraft which promises to take it just about past the

break-even point and into profitability," according to the

There are also more orders

for its successful 125 business

The 19-seat twin-turboprop

Jetstream, has been built at

Prestwick, Strathchyde, for three years. Its order book, increased by 18, now stands at

According to British Aero-space, during 1986 the

Jesstream 31 captured 63 per cent of its sector of the

pressurized turbo-prop air-

liner market.British Aero-

space is increasing production

further to 48 aircraft a year

The Government is likely to

Before privatization British

statutory duty to maintain supplies. Now it will argue that it has a legal responsibil-

ity to its shareholders to

secure the best contracts.

construction industry.

the Troll field.

company.

The Jetstream 31: winning the battle of the skies

**British Aerospace** 

wins £90m orders

By Our Industrial Editor

by British Aerospace includes which is to buy 14 Jetstreams a £40 million boost for its to add to its existing fleet of 13 Jetstream 31 light commuter and Air New Orleans, whose

The biggest threat to the British Government is the assertion by the banks that the member governments of the ITC are jointly and severally liable for its debts.

This means that one gov-ernment could be made liable for all the ITCs debts. The British Government could therefore have to pick up the bill for all £300 million plus, even though under the terms of the sixth International Tin Agreement its share of the ITC's liabilities is limited to 4

The Government has denied liability for the ITC's debts, claiming sovereign immunity and that the word-ing of ITA6 does not make it

Earlier this month it joined with the ITC in a High Court action opposing a move by 11 metal brokers to wind up the ITC. Judgment has been reserved until mid-January.

## 500 gas investors will not lose out

By Cliff Feltham

More than 500 investors in British Gas who sold their shares through a grey market securities dealer which was forced to stop trading by the Department of Trade and Industry will not lose their money.

The special manager put in to the dealer, Prior Harwin, to handle its assets has decided that clients whose allotment letters arrived after he moved in on December 22 will be processed even if they had agreed to sell their shares to Prior Harwin when it was still trading normally.

This means that investors will receive cheques or will have their allotment letters returned so they can retain ownership of the shares.

The news will come as a relief for those who had spent an uncertain Christmas in the belief that they had either lost

all or most of their money.

However, a spokesman for the special manager, Mr Ian Bond, of Deloitte, Haskins and New Zealand. It is the first 125 sold into New Zealand although the aircraft has and Sells, the accountant, gone to buyers in 39 countries pointed out that other clients of Prior Harwin - thought to be about 3,000 - whose allotment letters arrived be-Chester, now stands at 655 fore December 22 must await the outcome of a winding-up petition to be heard in the

High Court in January.
The spokesman said: "It might seem a bit unfair on people who sold their shares to Prior Harwin on the same day. One person may have posted his allotment letter promptly and is now an unsecured creditor. The other may have delayed sending his letter so that it subsequently became an action against us which we

feel we are able to settle." The rising market in British Gas shares has helped the special manager to settle the transaction without harming the position of potential cred-

itors, he added. Meanwhile, the special manager said that investors unsure of their position should write to him at Prior Harwin, setting out any

# By Alison Eadie

man of Racal, said yesterday that the purchase was being made because Vodafone was "an outstandingly successful business" in possibly the fastest growing sector of electronics. Buying the outstanding 20 per cent gave Racal total flexibility in its strategy to develop its telecomm

worth \$130.85 million, which

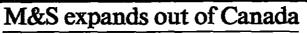
Racal has increased its

City and Foreign, part of Mr David Stevens' Montagu Investment Management group, is shedding its investment trust status as part of a
£6 million takeover of Language School Holdings.

LSH will emerge with a 51

per cent stake in the enlarged

profits of £355,000 last year and forecasts about £760,000 this year. Shareholders who prefer not



# Sparks fly in to US

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For the M&S outlets in the

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dipping a toe in the US market with four outlets in shopping malls in New York State. Three are expected to be trading by the spring.

The plan is to use the D'Allaird's store banner from Canada, and to extend the

experiment by opening M&S stores selling St Michael merchandise, probably adding, initially, about the same numwithin management reach, particularly of the Mid West and the north-east of the US. D'Aillaird's US outlets will ber of outlets. D'Allaird's and the People's be comparatively small, with stores chain were acquired 14 about 4,000 square feet of years ago to give M&S a selling space and stocking footbold in Canada. only women's outerwear. D'Allaird's uses its own label Marks and Spencer admits goods.Canada has 100 it had a learning curve in D'Aillaird's outlets, 80 Canada where, with M&S

People's stores and 70 M&S outlets it began with shops of ap to 25,000 square feet and M&S said yesterday a cantions approach was being about 10,000 square feet and acopted. But it added that located them all in shopping results in Canada had encouraged the company to make

Marks and Spencer, which a foray into the rich US US sufficient space will be has 250 stores in Canada, is market and especially the sought so that a wider range of market and especially the goods than at D'Allaird's can be carried, including food. In Canada mostly local

heavily-populated band across the country south of the border with Canada. goods are used, and the US St Michael ) outlets at first are expected to be supplied from Canada, where some of Marks and Spencer's British suppliers The M&S operation in Canhave set up production to continue their link with the ada is based in Toronto, well store chain.

The drive into the US could give M&S its third key stake abroad. After Canada, the company turned to Europe, and it has seven outlets in France with two in Belgium. It also has one store in Dublin. But 98 per cent of M&S

business is still in Britain where the company's latest thrust, while expanding its intown stores, is to edge-of-town developments.

The first of these opened at the Metro Centre, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear,in the autumn.



# Racal pays £110m to own Vodafone

Racal Electronics is taking 100 per cent control of Vodafone, its cellular radio network, through the \$160.85 million (£110 million) acquisition of the 15 per cent stake held by Millicom, of the United States and the 5 per cent stake held by Millicom, of the United States and the 5 per cent United States, and the 5 per cent stake held by Hambros Advanced Technology Trust. Sir Ernest Harrison, chair-

tions business. take as part payment 52 million new Racal shares represent just under 10 per cent of Racal's enlarged

They must hold at least 80 per cent of the shares for one year, and they can then sell the rest only after consultation with Racal. The rest of the payment will be in cash.

operating profit forecasts for Racal-Millicom to £10 million for this year, £34 million for

#### City & Foreign transforms for £6m takeover

holding firm. Further acquisitions are planned.

LSH, which operates a chain of 34 language schools, six of them in the UK, earned

to remain with the enlarged group will have the option to sell their shares for 95 per cent of the 135p current asset

# By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

Racal expects that the total British market will grow to

awarded the licence to operate

service in Britain in 1983. It

has since invested £110 mil-

lion in establishing its Vodafone network. The opposition is provided by British

The market for cellular

radio has grown more quickly than expected, partly because of fierce competition by retail-ers to self the equipment. There have been price wars

with the cost of car telephone

falling by up to 40 per cent last

summer compared with prices

Racal-Millicom

Telecom's Cellnet.

2 year earlier.

pressure yesterday in the wake of remarks by Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Governor of the 1987-88 and £57 million for 1988-89. Interest costs each Bank of Japan. year are expected to be £10 Mr Sumita said a rate for

Forecasts last January were for operating profits of £5 million, £20 million and £37 the currency of between 159 yen and 160 yen would be acceptable, causing the dollar to drop from Y161.95 at the million in the three years. Vodafone has more than previous close to about 63,000 subscribers in Britain, Y159.35. or about 53 per cent of the total Concern about the US balmarket. It is adding 1,000 subscribers a week, half of whom are in the South-east.

ance of payments figures, due tomorrow, added to the gloom surrounding the dollar. But dealers said trading was light between the two holidays at 210,000 by the end of next year, 300,000 by the end of 1988 and 400,000 by the end of Christmas and the new year, exaggerating the pressure on the currency.

The pound had an erratic day, falling at first with the dollar and pushing the tradeweighted index down from 69 to 68.6. Later, it found some support belped by the rising oil price and the continuing high level of British interest

At the close, sterling was 1½ pfennigs down at DM2.8543 but against the dollar it was a cent higher at \$1.4675.

Interest rates in money markets were steady with three-month interbank rate at l l<sup>9</sup>32 per cent.

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# Ansbacher 'no loss' claim over **Guinness stock**

By John Bell, City Editor

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, believed its clients would be indemnified against any loss when they purchased Guinness shares from Morgan Grenfell shortly before the end of the takeover battle for control of Distillers.

The 2.1 million shares, now the subject of a dispute between the two banks, were later purchased from Ansbacher's clients through an Ansbacher nominee company after the bid battle ended at

prices about 50th bigher than
the present market price.

Morgan Grenfell, which
acted as leading financial adviser to Guinness throughout the £2.7 billion bid for Distillers, would not comment on Ansbacher's version of events, although a spokesman denied there had been any indemnity-

Lord Patrick Spens, Ansbacher's managing director. said the arrangements had been made verbally. Much later, in October, be

was also arranged through Morgan Grenfell. A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell said yesterday: "At no time did we ever own the shares as a principal."

met Mr Roger Seelig, a direc-tor of Morgan Grenfell, to

finalize matters. It is believed they failed to agree on the

"It is now just a matter of one merchant banker's word against another," Lord Spens

The 2.1 million Guinness

shares concerned are involved

in a bizarre wrangle over who has actual ownership and is

entitled to receive the divi-

Lord Spens said be under-

stood that when the Guinness shares were bought from Ansbacher's clients through

the bank's nominee company, Down Nominees, the pur-chaser was Morgan Grenfell

since the stamp duty was paid by Morgan Grenfell. Payment

said yesterday.

dend payments.

#### Dollar falls Oil prices stay below under yen \$18 target pressure By David Young Energy Correspondent

The dollar came under new Oil prices remained below the new Opec target price of \$18 a barrel yesterday, with small volumes of North Sea oil changing hands at between \$17.30 and \$17.75 a cargo.

A price boost is likely now that the three main Middle Eastern producers — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran have officially told their customers of an end to net-back deals under which they sup-

deals under which they sup-plied oil for the past year.

The net-back deal tied the price paid for crude oil by the principal refining customers to the price received for the products made. This meant that while crude

prices fell, those oil companies with refining subsidiaries in-creased profits from product

large oil buyers turned away from those producing countries not prepared to offer netback deals, depressing the

spot price further. The three have followed the Opec directive issued on December 20 and told their clients that net-backs would end on February 1 and oil would be sold on fixed price contracts at \$18 a barrel.

Most industry analysts expect the \$20 a barrel mark to be reached by the end of next

withdrawal facility

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New York (Renter) - Wall Street shares eased on moderate volume in early trading

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yesterday, following the bond market on a downward path. The trading pace was expected to improve from Friday's post-Christmas Iuli

817.47 and the utilities average down 1.21 at 208.26. Declining shares led advancing issues by two to one. The broader New York

Stock Exchange composite inbut analyst were generally dex slipped 0.33 to 140.81 expecting an uneventful week. while Stnadard & Poor's The Dow Jones industrial composite index fell 0.58 to average fell 5.20 to 1.925.20 at 246.34.

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# Japan prepares for stern budget today

Japan will today introduce an austere budget after its most comprehensive tax revision since the war.

The Japanese await the budget as the rest of the world looks to Japan to stimulate its economy to take up the slack in the global economy.

The most important tax reform is the elimination of tax exemption on small savings and the break-up of the postal savings system which should free a large amount of savers' money which has been so important in developing Japanese industries since the

The proposed sales tax is getting a hot reception from the opposition, which began its attack with a series of visits by its leaders to the office of the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone.

The government has apparently abandoned its hope of ridding itself of deficit financ- are unlikely to satisfy the EEC ing in a 54,101 billion yen hudget with increased treasury loan and investment programmes which will probably help to boost the domestic economy to what the gov-ernment hopes will be 3.5 per cent real growth next year,led by domestic demand.

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STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES



Yasuhiro Nakasone: under pressure from opposition

added-tax, due to be introduced at the beginning of 1988, is likely to put a damper on consumer spending — not that foreign imports gained much from such spending

Changes in liquor tax are of particular interest to the European Economic Community.

Under the proposals, which and which must be approved by the Diet next month, the government plans to abolish the grading system for whisky, as demanded by the EEC, by the simple method of reclassifying all domestically-produced whisky, which the EEC did not regard as such, as

Scotch, but the tax on it will still be seven times that levied on its rival Japanese "spirits".

The Japanese government's chief tax expert, Mr Sadanori Yamanaka, a man not known for his humility, is un-repentant: "The EEC did not ask for the same monetary value but said it should be treated on an equal basis with the Japanese product... It (Japanese whisky) may continue to be a barrier to expanded sales of Scotch."

He gave this warning: "Japan is at long last awake. Japan is at long last on its feet. And the bluff in diplomatic relations with Japan will no longer be usable...Japan became an ordinary member of the world community and will behave as such. In other words, will become a formidable partner in any

The tax reform, which will simplify the system from 1988, is designed to be revenue neutral with tax cuts for corporations and wealthier individuals balancing tax in-creases, which include 5 per cent VAT, from which 40 items will be exempt.

The budget holds spending to just 0.02 per cent above that

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

#### COMPANY NEWS

• RADIANT METAL FINISHING: Half-year to Aus31. Interim dividend 1p, payable on Jan. 16. Turnover £733,100 (£463,937). Pretax profit £90,125 (£174,490). Earnings per share 4.28p

MONES & CRANE: Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of Sarjents Tool Stores. The price will be based on the net assets and will be £92,000 in cash and £200,000 in loan notes and a further • READICUT INTER-

NATIONAL: The acquisition of F Drake (Fibres) has been completed. Probate has been granted to the executors of J Hoyle who held 10 per cent of Drake's capital and this holding million in cash.

• FASHION & GENERAL

INVESTMENT: Six months to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 10p (same). Pretax revenue £311,000 (£343,000). Earnings

per share 13.8p (14.9p).

• SUTCLIFFE, SPEAKMAN:
Turnover £8.55 million £7.94
million) for the half-year to
Sept. 30. Pretax profit £302,000
(£270,000). Earnings per share
(fully diluted) 2.2p (nil). EUSTON CENTRE PROP ERTIES: Six months to Sep-tember 30 (figures in £000). Net

revenue from properties 4,610 (4,473), interest receivable 300 (458), interest payable 988 (988), pretax profit 3,902

RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES** 

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• AJ WORTHINGTON: Half year to September 30. Turnover £1,761,000 (£682,000), pretax profit £48,000 (£49,000 loss), tax £5,000 (nil), eps 0.8p (1.0p loss). The group's turnover has increased as a result of the activities of WH White and Son, manufacturers of knitwear and other clothing.

HDA Forgings: Mr Peter Masters has been named as company sales and marketing director and Mr Charles Anderson director and general manager of the blade forge

Massey-Ferguson Tractors and Farm Equipment Mr John Sword is now president. Glaxo: Dr Richard Sykes has been appointed chief executive of Glazo Group Research Limited. Dr J Barrie Ward, director of microbiology, has joined the board

of Glaxo Group Research. The Union Discount Company of London: Mr WB Carmichael becomes a dir-

Redland: Mr Christopher May will become financial director in March. Harrison Industries: M

Jean-Claude Canari is made a Farr Europe: Mr Don Parker becomes manufacturing director.

Newcastle Building Society: Mr E A Cowan has been made deputy chief executive. Lease Management Ser-vices: Mr Alastair Lawson has

been appointed joint manag-ing director and Mr David Deacon, chief accountant and

APPOINTMENTS company secretary, becomes a

director. Commercial Industries (UK): Mr Viv Davidson has been appointed the chairman and chief executive. Mr Andrew Brown managing direc-tor and Mr Bryan Stewart,

financial director. Allied Dunbar: Mr Allan McColville is to be executive director, northern region. Mr Derek Riley executive director, sales, Mr Nigel Burton, executive director, international and new projects and Mr Brian Thomas executive director, actuarial, all to take effect from next Thursday.

Morgan Grenfell: Mr G G Hill has been appointed joint managing director of Morgan Grenfell Inc, New York, with Mr K R Harris, also as joint managing director. Mr N J D Bull will be chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Australia Limited. Mr Bull and Mr W G M Michie will also become joint managing directors of Morgan Grenfell Australia. Mr Bull and Mr Michie have also been appointed to the board of Morgan Grenfell

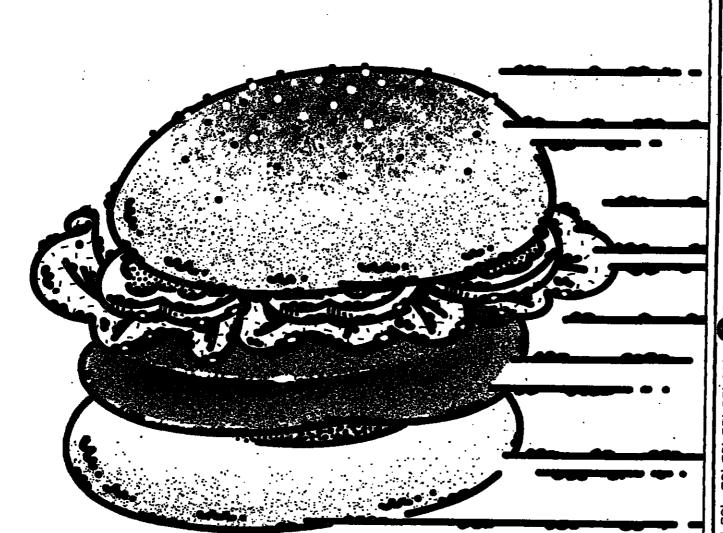
Australia Holdings. Hollis: Mr Jim Ducker has been made managing director of the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society.

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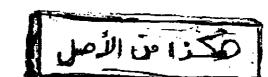
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(STOCK MARKET)

# Traders fear oil prices may fall again if Saudis unload reserves

By Michael Clark

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Acw York or areas and areas areas and areas and areas and areas areas and areas and areas areas and areas and areas areas areas and areas areas areas and areas areas and areas areas areas and areas Saudi Arabia is estimated to have about 60 million barrels of oil stored in tankers around the world and it could wreck Opec efforts to boost the price of crude oil if it suddenly starts to flood on to the market.

Mr Philip Kapadia, oil analyst with Raphael Zorn, the broker, says the Saudis hope to sell their reserves before the market is tested in February and this, combined with mild winter and statemate in the Iran-Iraq war could bring the price of crude oil back to

Earlier this month, Opec oil ministers agreed to cut production to 15.8 million barrels a day. Saudi Arabia was allocated a production quota of 4.1 million barrels. But Mr Kapadia warns that Opec's efforts might not be enough and another reduction of at least 1 million barrels a day may be required. This is likely to be bad news for oil shares which were enjoying a bout of selective support yesterday.

Among the leaders, BP firmed 6p to 721p, Britoil 2p to 171p, and Shell a similar

amount to 982p.

Meanwhile, Mr Kapadia re-

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Fears that Saudi Arabia may be planning to unload its huge oil reserves on the world market in the new year have led to speculation that Opec may have to consider another steady at 138p, as likely buys.

The rest of the equity The rest of the equity market continued to enjoy selective support, but turn-over was pitifully thin with many dealers and investors deciding to extend the Christ-mas break. The FT index of

> 1,307.1, while the broader based FT-SE 100 added 6.5 at The stronger pound enabled government securities to score sizeable gains with prices at the longer end of the market

top 30 shares closed 5.9 up at

stretching to £%. As expected, much of the attention was focused on the steady stream of new year

 United Biscuits, the McVitie and Crawfords group, has been a dull market after the abortive merger with Imperial Group. The shares, 1p higher at 231p but just 14p above the year's low, have clearly been left behind. Now bro-kers like County Securities

believe a rally is overdue. share tips that included companies such as Woolworth, up 20p at 710p, Dee Corporation, 3p to 211p, P&O 11p to 519p, Finlan Group 7p to 99p, Vickers 8p to 399p, Burton Group 9p to 287p and Brent

Walker to to 217p. Pearson, the conglomerate gards the onshore operators as which owns The Financial

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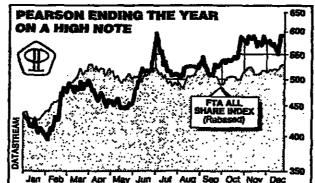
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Times and Lazard Brothers merchant bank, looks like ending the old year on a high note. The shares, which have been the source of persistent takeover speculation in recent months, surged back through the 600p level to close 12p higher at 602p — just 6p below their peak.

Once again, the pundits are talking of a bid for the company in the new year with Hutchison Whampoa, headed by Li Ka-shing, one of Hong Kong's most powerful businessmen, still topping the list of likely predators.

In September, Hutchison announced it had bought a near-5 per cent stake in Pearson, worth £50 millon, and expressed an interest in increasing its holding and creating commercial links between the two companies. At the time, Li Ka-shing said he had no interest in making a full bid for Pearson, but Pearson said it would "not

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welcome any further increase in the Hutchison holding." Marketmen are now hoping that Hutchison has changed its mind about a full bid for the company and speculation

has been heightened in the

past few weeks by news of a big overseas buyer bidding 575p for stock outside the

Pearson is regarded as a good break-up candidate and, at these levels, commands a stock market capitalization of £1.18 billion.

The £1.2 billion battle for control of Pilkington Brothers, Britain's biggest glass producer, is intensifying. Yesterday Pilkington advanced 8p to a new high of 661p, still awaiting higher terms from BTR shortly. Pilkington now stands more than 100p above BTR's original offer with dealers anxiously awaiting details of a big profit forecast.

Interim figures from Pilkington recently were better

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have already hoisted their profit forecasts for the year from £175 million to about

However, suggestions that BTR will launch a knockout bid of 750p a share appear to be wildly optimistic and there is growing speculation in the market that its next offer may be less than 700p a share. BTR finished 1p firmer at 269p. The closing date for the bid is January 24.

Guinness recovered from an early setback following more disclosures over the weekend about the latest twists and turns in the Department of Trade and Industry's investigation into the company's affairs.

The DTI is now looking at evidence provided by Guinness's own financial adviser,

● The recovery continues apace at First National Finance Corp., rescreed from the fringe banking crisis in 1975. Full-year figures ex-pected on Monday should show pretax profits up from £22 million to £34 million, where the shares, unchanged at 200p, yield a

healthy 5.6 per cent. Morgan Grenfell, about a parcel of 2.1 million shares bought by another merchant bank. Henry Ansbacher, at prices above the current ruling market price. At one stage, the Guinness share price came within a whisker of its low before rallying to close 9p dearer on the day at 290p following news of a successful

outcome to a law suit it had

brought in the US and a new

year press tip. Morgan Grenfell's own share price, which has been under a cloud since the inquiry into Guinness was announced, suffered a relapse, 123 250 5.7 ... 17.1 7.0 12.9 67/ 5.8 3.2 21.6 1,800 T/ 37.1 8.4 21.5 204 1/ 27.6 5.2 5.6 289 245 5.1 14.9 479 20.2 2,200 falling 9p to 384p, having hit a low of 353p earlier this month. That compares with the 500p the shares were floated at this summer. But Henry Ansbacher shrugged off the con-troversy, firming 0.5p to

17.5 2,100 13.6 1,500 52.5 246 19.3 5,000 Shareholders of Mitchell Cotts, the engineer-to-transport-and-trading group, must still be hoping for a pros-perous new year. Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, headed by the ambitious Mr Robert Montague, has built up a near-5 per cent stake and is mentioned as a likely bidder for the remainder.

84.5p.

Last year Mitchell Cotts shareholders saw pretax profits of the group for the year to June plunge from £12 million to just £39,000. Mitchell Cotts ended the session 1.25p dearer at 66.25p where it is valued at £64 million

#### COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# Range of Guinness inquiry widening

publicised statements, the The company, and in particular the Department of Trade and Industry's chairman and chief executive, Ernest inquiry into Guinness is beginning to Saunders, is being subjected to a covert have shape. It is fairly clear that the public relations campaign of misinspectors have concentrated on the information and damaging innuendo. nature and significance of dealings in In Scotland great pressure is being put

The sale, or placing, during the battle of some 2.15 million Guinness shares by when the inspectors have completed Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's principal their report. Meanwhile, the debate on financial adviser at the time, with the broader issues raised by the clients of Henry Ansbacher, is, to say the Guinness affair will, and should, conleast, interesting, especially in the light tinue. Two stand out: of the subsequent purchase, after the price at the time.

DTI inspectors went in on the morning easy. of December 1, they required access to records not only at Guinness but also at firms which were during the bid for partly because of their large size and the statement volunteered to the DTI interest of a client.

interested leaks, confessions and whom it fought a long and bloody battle. Guinness and Distillers shares during on the two new Guinness non-executive the crucial period between March 17 directors with Scottish backgrounds, Sir and April 18, the date when the Norman Macfarlane and Ian Chapman, Guinness bid for Distillers, in com- to resign, from the Guinness board,

petition with Argyll, finally succeeded. preferably in dramatic fashion. Judgement can be fairly made only

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Distillers advising or acting for limited number, between the major City Guinness, chiefly Morgan Grenfell, firms - merchant banks, stockbrokers, Cazenove, Wood Mackenzie and Rob solicitors and other professional advisert Fleming. The trails cannot in their ers - put enormous strains on their nature stop at any of these points - as ability to act independently in the

inspectors by Richard Fenhalls. The conflicts of interest of the kind Ansbacher's chief executive, shows. coming to light in the Guinness in-Guinness is finding itself increasingly vestigation put a question mark not isolated. Morgan Grenfell has only over individual firms but over the endeavoured to put as much distance as system itself.

# Japan lays dollar low

hen even the Japanese talk of a lower dollar who is to conthem? Not yesterday's dysthe remarks by Satoshi Sumita, the close at 68.9 in terms of the trade Japanese central bank governor, that a weighted index. Against the dollar it was dollar rate of Y159 to Y160 would be more than a cent higher at \$1.4680 acceptable they promptly marked the dollar down to the lower end of the sterling are the oil price and the opinion indicated range from the previous close polls. Both are going sterling's way. Oil of Y161.95.

In relatively thin markets between the \$17.60 a barrel two holiday periods the movement is remarks made for a decidedly weak uncertainty.

more from movement, if maintained, will make it fact that this is very unlikely leaves that bit harder for Japanese exporters. sterling more exposed than it need be.

lower dollar who is to gainsay kets the pound moved erratically, first falling with the dollar and then recoverpeptic foreign exchange markets. After ing to close just 0.1 below its previous

The main immediate influences on esterday rose another 30 cents to

The polls, too, are reassuring the probably less significant than it seems. market. The most recent evidence But combined with concern about suggests Mrs Thatcher has every chance tomorrow's US trade figures and general of being returned in the coming election gloom about American economic pros- which the markets equate with relpects in the new year Mr Sumita's atively sound finance and less

This degree of support for sterling has The central bank governor's interven- only been purchased at the cost of very tion marks another chapter in the high interest rates. If international somewhat uneven relationship of the investors feel happier with a Conser-US-Japanese exchange rate pact. So far, vative government that does not mean that they feel comfortable with a the deal than the US, having done monetary policy and uncertain fiscal relatively little to reflate its economy policy. What would really reassure them and enjoying a more stable dollar-yen is for Britain to become a full member of rate for its exports. But yesterday's the European Monetary System. The

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# Goliath Courtaulds needs a bigger sword to beat David

in the corporate arena as its a takeover - was apparently bid for Fothergill & Harvey known to Courtaulds. clearly shows. Unless it wants to be billed as the Goliath in been made, therefore, on the this encounter, it is going to value of Fothergill without have to sharpen up its ideas. the joint venture. Some care-There is a very half-hearted ful negotiations may retain feel to its £28.2 million offer. the status quo but Cyanamid The predator is hampered may be tempted to buy out its by the fact that its shares are partner if freed to do so. selling on about half the prey's rating but the lack of a straight share alternative to the cash-loan note offer has not won over Fothergill

shareholders. Their response last week was a unanimous thumbs down — only 0.94 per cent accepted — so the offer has been extended until January 30. Courtaulds owns only 0.8 per cent of Fothergill.

Courtaulds' motives are not hard to fathom. There is industrial logic in buying into the fast-growing area of advanced materials while engineered fabrics and en-gineered surfaces fit well into the group's portfolio.

Both companies have been striving to move away from the vicissitudes of the textiles industry. Fothergill, helped by its size, has, however, been able to explore many more

But the strain of having to finance heavy research and it could afford to pay at least development has made itself felt on the smaller company. And given the long lead time involved in developing products, decisions on expenditure allocation have been hard to make. Esoteric academic considerations have frequently had to vie with commercial ones. Courtaulds argues that

Fothergill's style of operation would thrive within the cocoon of a larger organization. Fothergill hotly disagrees, saving its skills would wither within an organization geared to quantity rather than

The "poison pill" - a joint venture with the American company Cyanamid with the option to buy out the

Courtaulds is out of practice partner's share in the event of

Assumptions should have A profit forecast for Fothergill for the year to December 1986 of about £2.7

million is imminent. In the new year there will be the opportunity to forecast, albeit tentatively, for the year to the end of December 1987. More than £3.5 million

could be on the cards. Fothergill has a promising but disparate collection of sses. Although the core of the company is in better shape than before, it is not yet clearly equipped to drive the

group forward. To expect Courtaulds to inject an element of entrepreneurism may be mis-placed, but the expertise presently within the Fother-gill camp should continue to flourish under the Courtanids banner.

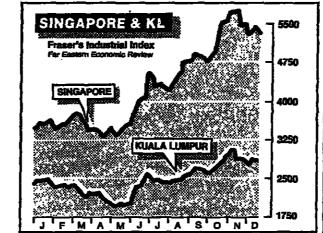
Courtaulds should not be carried away by the desire to win this battle at any cost, but 270p without regretting its

Malaysia

Watchers of the volatile Far Eastern economies are fixing their beady eyes on Malaysia. This traditionally commodities based economy has been behaving out of character, the economy and stock market have not been reflecting the mood in the commodities market.

Commodity prices, while well below their historical heights, recovered well during 1986 but the economy and the stock market were pedestrian performers by

comparison. Although the Kuala Lum-



pur industrial index moved ahead by about 15 per cent during the year, this was a modest advance compared to the impressive showing from Singapore's stock market, which increased by more than 50 per cent.

But indications are that the imbalance will soon be corrected.

The rubber price has risen from 1.83 ringgits a kilogramme (48p per 2.208lbs) to 2.16 ringitts since the end of last year, while palm oil has moved up sharply since August from 450 ringgits a tonne (£118.26) to 700 ringgits.

Present prices are slightly below the levels achieved in recent weeks. But although they are well below their peaks of 1981 and 1984, when rubber and palm oil stood at 3.04 ringgits and 2,000 ringgits respectively, analysts are not expecting prices to drift off further.

This relative stability in commodity prices should help to underpin a recovery in the economy.

The reason given for the feeling of despondency in Kuala Lumpur is lack of confidence. Some banks have accumulated impressive portfolios of bad debts, while the property market, another indicator of sentiment, is

suffering from considerable oversupply.

In an attempt to improv matters, the central bank is believed to have been supporting the system. At the same time it has discouraged lending to anyone with less than perfect credentials.

This has had the effect of gumming up the lending channels, thus making an improvement in the economic situation hard to

A change of style in politi cal circles is thought to hold the key to the Malaysians' problems. This could come about at the governing party's general assembly in the

spring.
Mr Martin Wedgwood of Smith New Court (Far East), the stockbroker, believes that although some problems will undoubtedly remain, the downside in the market is limited. He expects the bounce in commmodity prices to feed through to a stronger economy and stock market next year.

The canny but brave inves-tor, keen for a bit of oriental flavour in his 1987 portfolio, should, therefore, buy into the Malaysian market ahead of any recovery in confidence. This market is not known for dragging its beels if

# Embattled tobacco industry weighs up its strategy

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

A fraught new year - likely to bring squeezed profit margins and the most intense marketing battle for years lies ahead for Britain's beleaguered tobacco industry.
New pricing tactics have introduced a fourth sector to an increasingly fragmented market while increasing the possibility of an ever-widen-

The room for manoeuvre by

ing price war.

manufacturers trying to seize more market share through lower pricing is also tight. This is because a substantial tax increase in the next Budget could push many premium brands over the psychologi-cally important level of £1.50 for 20, facing manufacturers within a few months with a far tougher selling climate in which price will assume even more significance for the

smoker Another key factor is a sharper rate of decline in sales. In October there was an annual decline of 6 per cent, according to trade estimates, although there has been some recovery since.

But the present sales level, put by many in the industry at about 4 per cent lower than last year, is still double the rate of decline seen over the past few years. The British manufacturers

are also under pressure from cheap imports. These have risen from 7 per cent of the market a year ago to 10 per cent. Tobacco manufacturers with spare capacity, mostly West German, have been supplying mainly own-label products for supermarkets and other retail chains which have been selling at prices about 20p below the main branded cigarettes.

The manufacturers blame rises in British taxation for creating the pricing conditions in which the cheaper cigarettes are thriving. But there is also pressure from smaller British manufacturers like the London Tobacco Company and the Manchester Tobacco Company which are also

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supplying the own-label mar-ket, including Victoria Wine, the Allied-Lyons off-licence subsidiary, Britain's biggest cigarette retailer.

These variously-sourced

lower price cigarettes have probably moved in a year from an overall market share of 9.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent. So far in this price war Philip Morris, maker of Marlboro, the world's best-selling cigarette, has cut 5p off its king-size pack to bring the price down to £1.45, with wer-tar brands also reduced. It has also cut 4p off a pack of Raffles, its most recently launched brand, which had been selling at £1.44 for 20.

Philip Morris, which claims 2.5 per cent share for the Marlboro and a similar share for Raffles, imposed the cuts expecting to win a bigger market share while not expect-ing to provoke the bigger selling brands into retaliation because price-cutting for them

is more costly.

Of the five best-selling cigarettes, Gallaher's Benson and Hedges, which has a recommended retail price of £1.53, has more than 17 per cent of the market, Imperial Tobacco's Superkings (£1.51 for 20) has 6.3 per cent, Gallaher's Silk Cut, market leader in lower tar, 6 per cent, Imperial's Regal king-size 5.6 per cent and Imperial's John Player Special king-size 5.4 per cent.

A full percentage point market share in the cigarette market is worth about £54 million in annual sales. Imperial, part of Hanson tobacco manufacturer, how-

ever, has cut 5p off John

Player Special, reducing the price to £1.45. It says that, with a glossier pack, this is part of a relaunch strategy for the brand to bolster Imperial's overall market share which has been shrinking for several years. It is also introducing a longerlength John Player Special at

lost its momentum.

Although there are no signs that Imperial is planning price cuts on any other brands, it is, given the John Player Special market share, an aggressive move which its other main competitors will find hard to

Rothman, whose brands in-clude Dunhill and Peter Stuy-yesant as well as the Rothman label, is still considering the situation and does not expect to make a statement before the new year.

Gallaher, the second-biggest British manufacturer, says it has no immediate plans for price changes. It argues that the Imperial move does not necessarily upset the whole market.

There has already been some other price repositioning of brands as the threat of the cheaper imports and ownlabel brands has grown. The big manufacturers have to some extent been plugging the gap between the cheap cigarettes and the main brands.

The market could end up with four distinctly priced sectors, ranging from the cheap imports and own-labels, through the Lambert and But-ler segment and the new John Player-Mariboro sector to the premium brands.

If, as seems likely, the Chancellor brings in another hefty tax increase on digarettes in the coming Budget - it was an extra 11p a pack last time the fear is that cheap imports

would mean the British manufacturers could be faced with

more closures and job cuts. Six tobacco factories have been closed in three years, and the Tobacco Advisory Council, the manufacturers' trade body, expects that jobs, which numbered 27,500 in 1984, are likely to be down to 20,000 at

some stage next year. Earlier this month, Imperial, which has closed a factory at Stirling and stopped cigarette production in Glas-Competitors see it as a gow, announced a further loss marketing tactic to improve of 350 mainly administrative sales for a brand which has jobs, bringing the total of job cuts over the next 12 months

to 550. Price-cutting is bound to squeeze profit margins. This will make the manufacturers look even harder at factory capacity and workforce levels.

It is almost certain that in January they will forgo what has become almost a regular price increase, usually 2p a pack, matched by a similar increase in the summer.

It looks like a bumpier ride from now on for all the big tobacco manufacturers, leaving one big question mark on strategy. None of the big British makers has yet moved to supply the own-label mar-ket. As things get tougher that could still come.

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# Big bids take the limelight

Takeover battles boosted the ranks of stock market front-runners

as losers slipped on lower oil prices

a year of more spectacular leaders than laggards on the stock market. Hardly surprising, given that the market is ending 1986 much higher than when it started and the FT All-Share index is

nearly back at its year's high. Top of the leaders' list is our very own News International, owner of The Times, Sunday Times. The Sun and News of the World. The restricted voting shares registered a spectacular 247 per cent gain in an extremely thin market.

The move to a high technology printing plant at Wapping in East London, shedding several thousand print jobs, helped to boost NI's profits in the half year to June 30 by 67 per cent. before taking into account the £66.3 million exceptional costs of the move. Next came Pentland Industries with a 242 per cent advance, the second successive year of heady growth. Pentland's star performer was Reebok, a 37 per cent owned American associate which makes the Yuppies' favourite jogging shoe. It contributed 85 per cent of Pentland's pretax

Mr Alan Sugar's Amstrad ished third, after a year in which Amstrad took over the

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his has proved to be once mighty Sinclair and launched its own, hugely successful IBM compatible personal computer at a highly competitive price.

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Amstrad is also part of the consortium which earlier this month won the Direct **Broadcasting Satellite contract** from the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Several of the other winners were on the receiving end of

APV Holdings, which showed a 141 per cent gain, fought off Siebe's £220 million bid, but earned itself a rerating in the process. Its defence included a forecast of an 80 per cent profit increase in

Wedgwood was another bid. beneficiary. It was taken over by the Irish crystal maker Waterford to save it from the unwanted clutches of London International Group.

AE, which showed an 86 per cent advance, was the one that nearly got away. It fought off Turner & Newall's bid by the narrowest of squeaks, only to have the escape disallowed by the Takeover Panel. T&N rebid and outbid the rival Hollis Group.

T&N also came out of the experience well, gaining more than its prey at 103 per cent over the year. Pretax profits in the half year to the end of June

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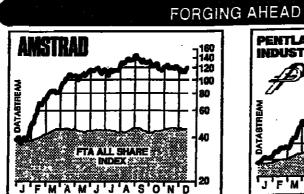
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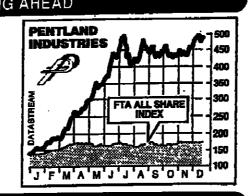
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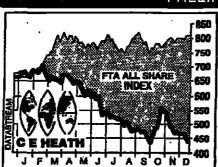
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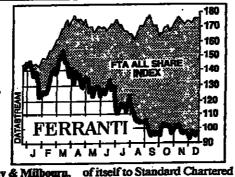
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#### FALLING BEHIND





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the receiving end of a bid from

Tozer Kemsley & Milbourn, the motor trader and property developer, had a rewarding year under the New Zealander Mr Ron Brierley, who took control in the middle of last year. Drastic slimming action has paid off and the acquisition of Kenning Motors, which will double TKM's turnover, has yet to be felt.

Other leaders that were not beneficiaries of bids included Abaco, the rapidly expanding financial services group that recently sold a 12 per cent slice

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Ratners, the jeweller, was buoyed by the takeover in July

of its rival H Samuel. Blue Arrow was similarly boosted by acquisitions both in Britain and, for the first time, in America.

In the laggards list, oil companies stood out as the losers from the drastic fall in oil prices. Several blue chip companies and household names also pepper the list.

Triton Europe, the oil and gas exploration group, saw its pretax profits fall dramatically in the second half of the year to May 31. London & Scottish Marine Oil's profits also suffered from the slump in oil DETICES

CE Heath, the long estab-lished Lloyd's broker, managed to end the year down 35 per cent, despite attracting a hostile bid from its fellow broker PWS Holdings. Heath has been losing staff at an alarming rate. Its team of North American brokers went several months ago and this month 28 brokers from the international, marine and, most importantly, aviation divisions walked out to join Citicoro.

Ferranti, the electrical and electronic engineer, upset the market with an unexpected announcement last July of a fall in 1985-86 profits. Interim results announced in November failed to mollify, despite noises about a record order

book and strong profit growth. Hopes of a bid, which gave some share price support early in the year, were dashed when the Monopolies Commission said no to GEC's bid for

Trafalgar House, the property, construction and ship-building group, was hit by the fall in oil prices. In the year to September it wrote off more than £100 million because of its exposure to oil and gas production and the offshore construction industry. Pretax profits only managed a 2 per

cent rise to £145.8 million. Dee Corporation, the supermarkets group, went on an extensive buying spree in America and Britain and issued 400 million shares to fund the activity. In March Dee bought Herman's Sporting Goods, the largest retailer of its kind in the US, for £278

t followed this with the acquisition in June of Fine Fare and Shoppers Paradise from Associated British Foods for £686 million. Finally, it added M&H Sporting Goods in the US for £44 million and Medicare in Britain for £20 million.

The glut of paper and fears that organic growth was giving way to acquisition-led growth have caused share price weak-

Avana, the food manufacturing group, followed disappointing results for 1985-86 with disappointing interims to September 27, showing pretax profits only 6.5 per cent higher at £8.8 million. The company is suffering from stagnant sales in mature markets and is investigating new projects to take it out of the traditional grocery areas.

Boots, the chemist, has suffered this year despite bid speculation. The £400 million acquisition of Flint, an American manufacturer and distributor of prescription medicines, was not rapturously received. The acquisition involved the largest ever vendor placing in London and the first with 100 per cent clawback for ordinary shareholders.

The drinks and brewing group Guinness also rates as a laggard. Although it won Distillers after a bitter battle with Argyll Group, its stock has fallen after wrangles over who was to be chairman and, worse still, the appointment of a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the company over suspected insider

Alison Eadie

# News Corp to raise £878m for H&WT bid

poration said yesterday it would raise Aus\$1.87 billion (£878 million) through the ADS-7 in Adelaide. placement of shares or notes and through a bill acceptancediscounting facility if its cash offer for the Herald and within specified times to meet Weekly Times was accepted.

News Ltd, its wholly-owned subsidiary, is offering Aus\$12 a share cash or a scrip alternative of two News Corporanotes for every three H&WT to the H&WT takeover.

The offer document said Aus\$750 million would be raised by placing 41.67 million News Corporation shares or convertible notes underwritten by JB Were and Son and Bache Cortis and Carr. The remaining Aus\$1.12 billion would be raised

through a 24-month bill acceptance-discounting facility with optional letters of credit provided by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the offer said. The bank planned to syndicate the facility.

News Ltd and News Corporation expect to provide the funds to service the debt from the facility from their own resources, it said. The facility would be refinanced with long-term debt and the amount outstanding would be reduced by Aus\$250 million within six months of the first drawdown, it said.

After conversion of all News Corporation convertible notes, the group's issued capital will rise by 16 per cent if every offeree accepts the cash or by 41 per cent if every offeree takes the alternatives of News Corporation shares or

convertible notes. If the takeover succeeds, H&WT will sell wholly-owned

Melbourne (Reuter) - Mr licence for channel HSV-7 in Rupert Murdoch's News Cor- Melbourne, and its 59 per cent

The Trade Practices Commission has agreed to allow News Corporation to sell some of its media interests

ownership regulations. The commission has said that if it is satisfied with the sales agreements and the protion shares or two convertible posed buyers, it will not object

It is also seeking an undertaking from Mr Robert Holmes à Court's JN Taylor Holdings that it will not dispatch its proposed offer for H&WT shares until it too satisfies ownership conditions. JN Taylor, a Bell Group subsidiary, bid Aus\$13 a share with scrip alternatives for H&WT on December 24. three weeks after the News Ltd.

Mr Holmes à Court said in Perth yesterday that he ex-pected H&WT to decide on his takeover bid by the end of this week.

Some market analysts believe the H&WT board may recommend both the JN Taylor cash offer and News Corporation's scrip alternative, which at present share prices place a similar value on the H&WT group. Both offers include a choice of cash, scrip or convertible notes.

Mr Holmes à Court said such a recommendation "would be nonsense. If there is not a clear recommendation. we are entitled to withdraw our Aus\$13 a share bid. If there is, we are obliged to proceed."

Both the Taylor counter bid and News Ltd's offer are conditional on a favourable recommendation by the Herald-Sun TV, which has the H&WT board.

## New ship orders plunge

shipbuilding industry saw a 33 per cent fall in new orders in the first nine months of this year compared with the same period last year, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said.

The OECD report showed Europe the hardest hit, with new orders dropping 73 per compared with 596 at the cent to 499 vessels, against 1,870 in the first nine months

Paris (Reuter) - The world than the 69 per cent fall recorded in the first half of 1986, compared with the same period last year.

Japan's new orders dropped 19.5 per cent to 4,510 vessels against 5,604 at the end of the third quarter in 1985.

West Germany received new orders for 73 vessels. same time last year, France had 57 new orders against 251; Italy 18 against 307; and This was four points worse Britain 36 compared with 284.

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# LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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This is the time of year when wise people take the top off the Glenmorangie hards

and talk about sport. Discuss-

and talk about sport. Discussing anything over Glen-morangie tends to hathe the subject in golden light. What was the finest sporting mo-ment of the past year? Which

athlete most memorably lifted

the hearts during the past 12

The point of such discussion

is not to reach a conclusion,

but to recall and to share the

unsoiled and ancomplicated pleasures that sport, more than anything else, can bring so readily and so often.

Another log on the fire? Another drop? Why not? And

L'Arc de Triomphe or of the joys of Willesden and the hockey World Cup and the

nice and modest hand of PE teachers and sports goods

salesmen who so nearly won it

We can turn to Nigel

Mansell, so amiable and so taleated and so very Britishly

not quite victorious. And then the England football team, so

very Englishly not quite victorious against the Ar-gentinians. Lineker was sweet

(did you know he has never been booked in his life?) but in

the end, we had to hand it to

But as I look for the one

moment to savour, I cannot

help but return again and again to the same thing. Visual memory is an odd thing: I can recall with perfect vividness no

more than one second of the

event: a grey horse suddenly breasting a fold in the ground

with an extraordinary bound-

ing clastic stride, ridden by a

dashing lady in purple. End of snapshot: but that was the

The occasion was the Burgh-

ley horse trials, the rider, Ginny Leng, the horse, Mur-phy Hisself.

But already I find myself

embarrassed. How could I explain? For I am trying to

communicate a kind of joy that

only horsey people know about, a joy that no one else in

sport can truly understand.

indeed, non-borsey people find talk about such joys

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# **Atkinson and Somerset** cling to faint hopes of recapturing Botham

Somerset have left the door open for Ian Botham to reconsider his decision about leaving the county in protest over the sackings of Viv Richards and Joel Garner.

The Somerset president, Colin Atkinson, a former captain of the county side, said: During the last few weeks, Ian has spoken to both our chairman and our secretary on the phone from Australia and he is adamant he still intends

"That makes it 99.99 per cent certain he will be going But as long as there is .01 of a chance, we are not going to let down our members by pulling up the stumps while the match is in progress.

"lan's contract with us does not run out until the end of 1986. Until that happens, there is still a chance he will stay, however slight. A new contract is still on the table and still on offer to him."

If Botham does leave Somerset, he will go with a glowing reference from Atkinson, who is also the head master of Millfield, the public school in Somerset renowned for its sporting prowess.

Atkinson added: "Because of the publicity Ian Botham has attracted, a lot of people do not realize he is the sort of person who would share his last biscuit or sandwich with

you.

"He is also the kind of cricketer who would, in the right circumstances, give up his wicket if the side had plenty of runs on the board if another batsman

needed some practice. "He is also the sort of bowler who would happily take one for 100 on a plum

**SKI JUMPING** 

Edwards the

pioneer has

long way to go

Obersidorf, West Germany

The 22-year-old plasterer

from Cheltenham was credited with an estimated distance of 55

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chariton v Oxford United (at Bromley FC, 3.0); Milwall v Swindon (2.0).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Fire

**RUGBY UNION** 

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OTHER SPORT

7.30 unless stated

wicket against two batsmen in form when some other men would say, 'I don't think I'll bowl today, thanks very much. There's nothing in it for

"lan Botham is not the sort of cricketer who thinks selfishly and looks to his



Atkinson: conciliatory

Atkinson, a 55-year-old Yorkshireman brought up in Durham, added: "One of the things lan is very good at is accepting authority.

Only on rare occasions has he had a disagreeable word with an umpire and far less frequently than most pace bowlers who tend to become more frustrated than slow bowlers because of the extra effort they put in.

"Every now and then fast bowlers come out with the odd word that they should not come out with, which is perfectly reasonable. It is a man's game, after all.

"Ian Botham has hardly ever made any more fuss about anything than any cricketer would. He just gets more attention because his name is

"You ask first class umpire about him and they will tell you he has a good reputation. He 'oes not cheat. He just plays his heart out.
"We do not want him to

leave Somerset. His contract with us runs out on December 31 and we still want him to stay. But if he goes, I would like to wish him all the best of luck in the future with

#### Rain holds key to we can talk about the glorious Dancing Brave's thundering flight to victory in the Prix de Test result

Nagpur, India (Reuter) -The bad weather which disrupted the second day's play in the second Test between India and Sri Lanka could hold the key to the outcome of the match when play resumes today after yesterday's rest

India, chasing the tourists first innings total of 204, scored only 54 for one in reply on a day in which nearly four and half hours play was lost through rain and bad light. No play was possible before lunch and when the resump-

tion was announced after the interval, Duleep Mendis, the Sri Lankan captain, had an angry altercation with P D Reporter, one of the umpires over the condition of the ground. Mendis argued that the

outfield was too slippery and after play finally started there were further interruptions when Asanta Gurusinghe refused to field in one part of the

#### ICE HOCKEY

# Fera equals record in Racers' spree

(Reuter) - Eddie Edwards, the first Briton to take part in a As the Heineken League approaches half-way, Murrayfield World Cup event, failed to reach the distance at which official Racers continue to dominate measuring starts in yesterday's practice session for today's the premier division and two more emphatic wins, against opening contest in the annual Four Hills series. Solihull Barons on Saturday and at home to Whitley on nday, increased their lead er Dundee Rockets to five

points.
Solihull led 3-1 early in the metres after he failed to reach second period but eventually the 70 metres mark at which found the renowned Rick Fera and Tony Hand double-act too much for them. Fera had five goals and an assist, Hand two official measuring starts. The best mark was recorded by Finland's Jukka Kalso who **TODAY'S FIXTURES** 

> Fera equalled a club record with 10 goals - to which he added three assists - while Hand had four goals and six assists as the Racers won by the

losing side. their home game with Ayr Brains that their goaltender, Martin McKay, changed roles in the last period and, playing left wing, scored the Rockets' 10th

HOCKEY: Women's territorial tourna (at Sherborne School, Dorset, 9.0am) SOUASH RACKETS: Watthemstow Build-ing Society Connaught junior open tour-nament (Connaught Club). team in England with a home is, win over Darham Wasps and an away win against Streatham Redskins. Ian Woodward saved 5. TENNIS: Junior covered court champion-ships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

goals and five assists. These impressive figures were nothing compared to Sunday's performance against the Warriors.

The Warriors, for whom Jim Earle scored four goals, could perhaps feel hard done by in scoring 10 times away from home but still finishing on the losing side.

ndee were so dominant in

Nottingham Pauthers confirmed their status as the best

40 of 43 shots to earn the man-

The Redskins proved tougher opponents than the Panthers must have expected, twice leading during the first period as the teams shared six goals.

Streatham were once again without their captain, Tony Goldstone, who is still serving was Mike Roccio, suspended for the match penalty he incurred in the game against Solihull.

While Murrayfield dominate the top of the table, Cleveland Bombers are in danger of losing touch at the bottom. Outshot 56-17 at Fife, they are still looking for their second win. Solihuli Barons are not doing much better and, although, Brian Puhalski, who scored four times at Durham, seems a valuable acquisition, he needs help. Wasps' win took them above Ayr into fourth place.

In a relatively light holiday programme, there was only one match in the first division but it match in the first division but it was enough to allow Irvine Wings, following their win over their local rivals, Glasgow Eagles, to band over bottom place to Swindon Wildcats. RESULTS: Prenier division: Fite Pyers 12. Cleveland Bombers 2. Nottingham Parthers 7. Durdem Waspe 3. Solihuli Barons 6, Murrayfield Racers 11; Durdem Rockets 12. Ayr Bruns 1; Durham Waspe 13, Solihuli Barons 5; Murrayfield Racers 20, Whittey Warnfors 10; Streatham Redsions 6, Nottingham Parthers 9. First division: Irvine Wings 8, Glasgow Eagles 5.



Ginny Leng and Murphy Himself combine to produce all that is best in sport

A purple patch of pure pleasure

fected. For the townee, horseyness is no more than a target for traditional jokes: I recently read in a thriller that "she was a tall, buxom young woman of narrow intelligence and lusty appetites. Since her husband was rarely at home she sublimated these appetites to some extent by riding borses, but not entirely . . ."

Ho ho ho, jolly original and amusing, I'm sure. There is an enormous gap of understanding between the horsey person and the townee. It is a mutual failure of the imagination: the townee cannot imagine what it is like to be involved with a horse, and horsey people can-not imagine what it is like not to be.

The result is that borsey people tend to close ranks, once the outsiders guffaw and scoff, and nurture something very like hostility. You have only to watch drivers passing horses on the road to be quite sure about that. The borse world is a tight and closed one. But so is the world of motor sport, and that attracts nothing worse than indifference. Perhaps this is because everyone has cars, and so everyone has some understanding of car nuts. But today no one has borses except horse nuts.

After Ginny Leng had com-

gushed and gushed and said again and again bow pleased she was for the horse. The townee might have thought this performance indicronsly over-the-top. Only those who have been let into the secret, who have known themselves some of the vast joys that horses can bring, would understand that her behaviour was

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Not on coupons: Aston Vila v Notingham Forest; Norwich v Chariton; Tott-enham v Arsenal (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

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THIRD DIVISION

Blackpool v Brentford

country run on Murphy Himself, she was ecstatic. She

looked radiant even by her

own dizzy standards, and she

she was pleased for the horse.

Non-horsey people have an idea that riding horses is about domination. It is not. It is about co-operation. If the understanding between horse and rider is not a two-way thing, you neither do any good nor have any fun. The ultimate skill of any person involved in any of the horsey sports whether race horse trainer, jockey, show jumper, dressage specialist or eventer — is to understand exactly how much the horse is capable of, then to bring out that ability on the chosen day.

Ginny Leng has done this again and again. In the year just ending, she became world champion with Priceless, and, showing a great sense of style, promptly retired the horse to a promptly retured the morse to a life of pleasure and indul-gence. She then went on to win Burghley with the young, in-experienced and boundingly eager Murphy Himself. As a personal achievement, this was immense. The original selection of the horse, the long process of training and the riding of the horse on the day all demonstrated that Ginny Leng is the greatest.

But that was not why Ginny was filled with delight. The pleasure was that her horse ber partner, had sbown all the straight-running courage and spring and genuineness she had believed he possessed. She was rejoicing not in her own achievement, but in what the horse had given to her. It is a purer and more complete joy than any of the many joys that sport can bring.

In the course of writing these lines, it is just possible that I may have revealed my own bias in favour of horses and horsey people. But one of the great things about people like Ginny is that they are able to break the barriers and communicate the joys of the borsey world to outsiders and townees. Her achievement and her nature pass on something of the boundless pleasures that horses can, in their bounding generosity, give to people.

That is why Ginny Leng gets the vote as my own private Sportsview Personality of the Year. In second place comes incredibly restrained, a mas-terpiece of understatement, a the Glenmorangie, and if you triumph of self-control. In her have another three hours to heart she wanted to turn spare, I'd like to tell you about cartwheels and whoop and my own horse . . .

SCOTTISH PREMIER

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#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# Redskins kicked out of hock

The coach of a National Football League club recently called Eric Dickerson "a touchdown waiting to happen." On Sunday, Dickerson more closely

resembled a disaster waiting to happen — and the wait was not long. Dickerson fumbled three times and the Los Angeles Rams coughed up the ball six times as the Washington Redskins won the National Football Conference wild-card play-off game

In the American Football Conference wild-card game, the New York Jets rebounded from the Kansas City Chiefs 35-15.

"The good news is we won," Joe Gibbs, the coach of the Redskins, said. "The bad news is we have to go to Chicago." In advancing to a divisional semifinal against the Chicago Bears, the Redskins relied on a resuscitated defence and Jess Atkinson. who two weeks ago was training

mortgage company. Presum-ably, Atkinson's colleagues in high finance smacked their lips at the efficiency of his foreclosure on the Rams as he kicked four field goals. Washington's low-ranked de-fence intercepted Jim Everett,

the Rams' quarterback, twice. Dickerson, who led the league

in the regular season with 1,821 yards on 404 carries, gained 158 yards on 26 runs on Sunday, but his fumbles were critical. The Rams have not defeated the Redskins since 1974 The Jets changed quarter-

backs and returned to their early season form. Par Ryan, who started in place of the ineffective Ken O'Brien, threw three touch down passes and the New Yorkers shifted their emphasis to short passes and runs by Freeman McNeil, who gained 135 yards and scored twice. AFC wild-card game

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SCORING: First querter: Kenses Ctyr: J Smith. 1yd run (lick falled), 6min 59sec elapsed. New York: F McNeil, 4yd run (P Leahy lick), 14:14. Second gamter. New York: F McNeil, 1yd pass from P Ryan (Leahy kick), 5:48: A Toon, 11yd pass from Phyan (Leahy kick), 14:01. Third querter: New York: K McArthur. 21yd Interception return (Leahy kick), 10:13. Foarth quarter: Kanass City: A Lewis, recovery of blocked purt in end zone (Lowery lick), 0:14. New York: W Grogs, 6yd pass from Ryan (Leahy kick), 4:11. Manses City: D Jennings ran out of end zone for safety. Attendance: 69,307.

NFC wild-card game Wash'n Redekins 10 3 3 3 - 19 Los Angeles Rams 0 0 0 7 - 7

SCORING: First quarter: Washington: J Atkinson, 25yd field goal, 8:01. Washington: K Bryant, 14yd pass from J Schroader (Addisson kick), 12:34. Second quarter: Washington: Attinson, 20yd field goal, 13:55. Third quarter: Washington: Attinson, Styd field goal, 12:03. Fearth quarter: Los Angeles: K House, 12:yd pass from J Everett (M Lansford kick), CUB. Washington: Advison, 19yd field goal, 14:00. Attendance: 54,180.

Division semi-finals

SATURDAY: AFC: Cleveland Browns v New York Jets. NFC: Chicago Bears v Washington Redskins. SUNDAY: AFC. Denver Broncos v New England Patriots. NFC: New York Giants v San Francisco 48ers.

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Martin Flook, a self-made millionaire and the former chairman of third division Bris-tol Rovers, is £25,000 richer after winning the club's Christmas lottery.

Law Report December 30 1986

# Pending trial in libel action not sufficient to postpone statement in court

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment December 11]

Parties who had made a bona fide settlement of a libel action and sought leave to make a statement in open court might expect to be allowed to do so unless some sufficient reason appeared on the material before the judge why leave should be refused. The judge had to have regard to the interests of all the

In the instant case the judge had come to a correct conclu-sion in directing such that a statement should be made pursuant to a settlement between the plaintiff and the second defendant in respect of the publication in the secon endant's journal of an alleged libel in a letter from the defendant before the trial of his action since the making and publication of the statement would not prejudice the trial of his action and was not defama-

The Court of Appeal so held. dismissing an interlocutory appeal by Mr Brian Crozier, the first defendant in a pending libel action brought against him and against Spectator Newspapers (1928) Ltd, the second defen-dants, by the plaintiff Mr Rich-ard Jackson Barnet, from Mr Justice Tucker who approved and directed the making of a statement in open court pursuant to an agreed settlement of the action between the plaintiff and The Spectator.

Mr Crozier sought to post-

pone the making of the state-ment until after the conclusion of the trial of the action.

Mr Roger Buckley, QC and Mr Richard Walker for Mr Crozier, Mr Patrick Milmo, QC

and Mr David Parsons for the plaintiff, Mr Mark Warby for The Spectator. LORD JUSTICE RALPH

GIBSON said that the plaintiff had helped to found the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) in Washington in 1963 and was a co-director. He had written a number of books. One, Allies: America and Ja-pan since the War, was pub-lished in this country in April

1984. A review was published in The Speciator on April 7, 1984. The review prompted Mr Cro-zier to write a letter to The His letter referred to the

plaintiff as a mainstay on the IPS and to the IPS as a "front of Cuban Intelligence, itself con-trolled by the Soviet KGB". The plaintiff issued a writ and

in his statement of claim as-serted that the words com-plained of meant and were understood to mean that he was the mainstay of and knowingly helped 10 run an institution which pretended to be bona fide but was in fact a front for covert operations by Cuban Intelligence at the instigation of the Soviet KGB.

In his defence Mr Crozier,

who was a journalist of distinction and a writer on international affairs, denied that his letter was defamatory and that the letter bore the meanings alleged.
He also asserted that the

words in the letter were true in substance and in fact. He gave many particulars in support of that plea of justification.

The Speciator pleaded a similar defence relying on substantially similar particulars of justification as Mr Crozier but the newspaper had come to terms with the plaintiff and wished to settle the action.

ment The Speciator would join in making a statement in open curt to the effect that The Speciator accepted that neither the plaintiff nor IPS was a front for Cuban Intelligence and that neither was controlled by the KGB. An agreed term of the ment was that the terms of the statement in open court would also be published in The Spectator. The proposed statement was submitted to Mr Justice Tucker

Under the terms of the settle-

who on November 27, 1984 approved its terms and directed that it be made in court at an early date. Mr Crozier opposed the making of the statement until after the conclusion of the unit after the conclusion to the trial of the plaintiff's claim against him on the ground that the making of the statement and the reporting of it were calculated to prejudice that trial and were defamatory of him. He appealed to the Court of Appeal to see seids the judge's order.

to set aside the judge's order. His Lordship referred to the established practice of the courts over many years when a action had been settled to permit counsel for the parties to make statements in open court which had been agreed between the parties and approved by the judge. His Lordship said that the importance of making the statement in open court was that it was likely to come to the attention of the press and since the statement was part of a judicial proceeding it was made on an occasion of absolute

privilege.
The procedure offered a means by which settlement of an action could be reached and, when appropriate, announced in appropriate terms between two parties without risk of further litigation arising out of that

sued in a defamation action even if one won in the end. In his decision the judge had said that balancing the interests of all the parties this was not a sensational case and none of the parties was famous or notori-ous. He did not think that a statement made in open court in November 1986 would have the slightest effect on a trial taking place in March to May of June 1987. Potential jurors would be unaffected. Any publicity result-ing from such a statement would

It was a grievous burden to be

have passed out of their minds long before the trial. He took the view that it was right that the statement should be allowed to be made forthwith. His Lordship said that the Court of Appeal had given Mr Crozier leave to appeal. The judge's reference to the date of

trial had not been shown to be It was said that the acceptance by The Spectator that the IPS was not a front for Cuban Intelligence directly contra-dicted Mr Crozier's letter and what, in his plea of justification, he would be seeking to prove.

He submitted that the publication of the apology and the statement would directly affect the issue to be tried and would create a risk of prejudice; that save in exceptional circum-stances it would be wrong to permit the making of such a statement before the trial and it was the party who sought to make the statement to show good reason why it should be

His Lordship said that there was no reported authority upon the issues raised in the appeal. The practice of making state-ments in open court had certainly existed before 1920; see Sievier v Wootton (The Times February 13, 1920), cited in Gatley on Libel and Slander, 8th edition (1981) paragraph 1179. In 1933 there were changes in the rules. Observations by Lord Justice Greer in Wolsey v Asso

ciated Newspapers Ltd ([1934] 1 KB 448) and by Lord Justice Lawton in Church of Scientology of California v North News Ltd (unreported, May 17, 1973) were of assisrance. The court was not there dealing with a case in which the interests of the defendant who had not taken money out of court or who had not settled the case against him required to be considered. Nevertheless, looking at those authorities, it seemed to his

Lordship that an opportunity to make a statement in open court was thus seen more than 50 years ago as something that was an incident, or part of the available procedure in a defamation action which the plaintiff at least was entitled to expect to be available to him. provided that the terms of the statement were approved by the judge and that there was nothing in the case which made it unfair

to another party for the state-ment to be made.

The present rule, Order 82, rule 5 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which derived from the previous Order 22, rule 2 introduced in 1933, provided for the making of a statement in open court with the leave of the judge, both when there had been acceptance of money paid in before trial without payment

The judge was right to regard the settlement of proceedings as a public good which the court should encourage and facilitate if, having regard to the interests

of all the parties, it was right and be a substantial risk of serious just to do so.

Although a party had no right to make a statement in open court upon which he could insist

if the circumstances were such that the judge could not in his discretion approve that course, it seemed to his Lordship that parties who had made a bona fide settlement of a defamation action and asked leave to make a statement in open court might expect to be allowed to do so. some sufficient reason appeared on the material before the judge why leave should be refused to them.

By saying that he did not regard either party as having a burden of proof; while acknowledging that it was desirable for a settlement to be facilitated, the judge meant that he had to have regard to the interests of all parties; but, if there was no sufficient reason to refuse it, a plaintiff who had reached a settlement with a defendant should be allowed to make an approved statement. The judge was right in his approach.

As to prejudging the fair trial of the pending action by the making and reporting of the proposed statement, the judge was right in his conclusion and the reasons he gave. Counsel for the plaintiff and

for The Spectator had pressed the court that the test for proof of prejudice to the trial of the between the plaintiff and Mr Crozier was that laid down in section 2 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981. They had argued that it would be irrational to have any stricter or other test so that the court should only decline to approve the making of a statement in open court if there was shown to

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fanciful, and that meant that the risk of prejudice had to be real for it to be taken into account at all in the balancing exercise which he set himself to carry

of the prejudice threatene judge did not mean that, if there was any real risk of prejudice, the making of a statement had, for that reason alone, to be refused. His Lordship thought that approach right.
His Lordship said that on the

facts the judge was right in taking the view that the making of the statement would not have the slightest effect upon a jury

statement, the very great probability was that they would think that The Speciator had concluded or formed the opinion that the words could not be shown to be true and had, cases in which, on balancing the therefore, to be acknowledged to interest of all the parties, where be untrue. The jurors would not, therefore, conclude that *The Speciator's* opinion had to dictate their opinion or that Mr

Crozier must be wrong.

They would listen to the The Speciator did not suggest the possession by them of any not such a case information tending to discredit Mr Crozier or any primary

As to the defamatory nature of the terms of the statement, he prejudice.

His Lordship did not accept that submission. Mr Justice that submission. Mr Justice of reference to the issue of Tucker had said that there had to be a real risk, not shadowy or did not consider it. The explanation in all probability was, as Lord Justice Nourse had suggested in argument, that the judge considered it and thought nothing of it. His Lordship had been at first

The weight to be given to it troubled by that part of the case would depend on the seriousness of the risk and the gravity been driven to the conclusion Mr Crozier was not such as to require or justify refusal of leave to make the statement. His Lordship was not per-suaded that the statement was defamatory of Mr Crozier. If

there was any real risk of the publication being injurious to Mr Crozier because defamatory of him, the extent of any injury likely to be caused to him would trial of those issues taking place be negligible. There was no in March to June of 1987. reason to doubt the bona fide If there should happen to be any jurors who noticed and The court should be v any jurors who noticed and The court should be vigilant remembered any report of the

procedure of making a statement in open court was not used to the unfair disadvantage of a third party. There would, no doubt, be

one or more defendants continued in the action after a settleconclude that the facts were evidence and make up their own statement had to be postponed minds on what they heard in until after the trial of the court. The opinion formed by remaining issues. remaining issues.

The judge held that this was

Lord Justice Nourse agreed. Solicitors: Peter Carter-Ruck evidence he had to lay before the & Partners; Bindman & Partners; Richard C.M. Sykes.

# Encouraging signs that Morning Line is ready to collect for Kennard

Les Kennard is always a force to be reckoned with at Taunton, his local course, and he can provide the day's best bet there with Morning Line in the Castle Green Printers Handicap Hurdle.

Although Morning Line's form figures look disappointing they obscure evidence of a horse improving with every run. It has taken some time for him to come to peak fitness, and even on his third outing he was still considered backward in condition.

However, his last two starts have offered every encouragement of a much bolder showing very soon. In his penultimate race he finished about seven lengths seventh to the promoted Whither Thou Goest in a highly-competitive handicap hurdle at Worcester, and last time, when amateur ridden, he was a close fifth to Master Cone at Chepstow, weakening only in the closing

stages.
That Chepstow race was over 21/2 miles and as Morning Line has always shown his best form at around two miles today's trip should be ideal for

Another reverting to a more suitable distance is Atataho in the Somerset County Gazette 150 Handicap Chase. He began the season with a comfortable win at Worcester over two miles but he seemed to find the near 2% miles at Towcester, a particularly testing track, beyond him.

12.45 True Spartan

Going: good to soft

and over this 2m If trip can beat Kennard's Doubleton, who is penalized 7lb for winning at Devon & Exeter.

French Flutter was an ambitious entry for a IR£10,000 race at Leopardstown on Boxing Day. He did not run but if he is anywhere near that standard he should have no trouble winning the second division of the Holly Tree Novices' Hurdle.

Royal Cracker is due a change of fortune and it may come in divison two of the Midnight Novices' Hurdle at Worcester. He was an encouraging second to the promising newcomer Positive at Nottingham and then had little chance against the winner when beaten by Special Vintage at Catterick Bridge.

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2.15 Brown Trix

J D Doyle (4) — 25-1 .... P Nicholis — 7-1 S Lovejoy (7) — 25-1 ..... H Davies — 4-1

C Llewellyn (7)

. A Hyett

..... D Browne .... J Phelan (7) ... P Scudemore

... C Smith

90 7-2 97 4-1

98 8-1 95 6-1

81 20-1 97 16-1

WORCESTER

Selections

**By Mandarin** 

Michael Seely's selection: 1.15 Hiz 3.15 Pride Hill

FORM DANNY'S LUCK (11-0) never threatened the leaders, but should improve on a 9th to Regal Steel come on for a 7th to High Plains (11-0) at Leidester (2m, £1748, 501, Dec 15, 22 ram). TRILE SPARTAN (11-0) never had a serious challenger when making all at Warwick test Saturday (2m, £980, good to soft, 18 ran) beating Great Aunt Sally (10-9) 51. Inty PurityLE PROSE (10-2) was never dangerous after a first tence blunder when the to Doyle's Express (10-10) at Devon (2m 11, £720, soft, Dec 5, 17 ran). YILLACANA (10-6) needed the run when 1814th to Dick's Fotly (10-11) at Warwick (2m, £1167, good, May 24, 12 ran).

FORM BROAD BEAM (11-9) back to something near his best when 3rd to French Captain (10-13) at Chepstow (2m 4f, sort); sertier (10-9) just over 51 3rd to Little Bay (12-7), with THE WELDER (10-7) another 10t back in 4th at Littoweter (2m, 22448, good to firm, Oct 23, 7 ran). On penultimete start THE WELDER (11-7) 10% 3rd to Severn Sound (10-0) with CALAND JASON (10-3) tailed off in 7th at Strationt (2m, 22177, good, Nov 6, 9 ran). HZ (10-6) not tuily extended to beat Bright Momitted (11-2) field (2m, soft); earlier (11-6) beat Severn Sound (11-1) 12J, with CAKLAND JASON (11-7) a well beatan 3rd at Worcester (2m, 21724, soft, Nov 19, 5 ran). ADARE (11-9) test successful when beating Shannle (10-0) a short head at Doncaster (2m, 21185, good, Dec 12, 5 ran). MATTREDEE has fallen twice since (10-6) beating Lain American (11-2) 3t at Phampton (2m 4f, 22813, good to soft, Nov 10, 12 ran). FARE LOVE (10-1) had OAKLAND JASON (10-1) a long way back in 4th when a length 2nd to Johns Present (12-7) at Bangor (2m, 21756, soft, Dec 8, 4 ran).

1.45 CELEBRATION SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £897: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

004F-30 WARRIOR UNICLE (C) (Mrs & Robinson) D Robinson 11-7 Mr D Robinson
PF- CHARLE BURTON (G Jones) G Jones 11-0 R Askins
OP ITS A LAUGH (M Pipe) M Pipe 11-0 R Askins
O00 SITTING BULL (C Donovan) J Jenkins 11-0 H Davies
4341FD TRACK MARSHALL (H Instey) D Williams 11-0 D Williams
O00F LA CHARMIT (Top Industrial Mig Ltd) P Davis 10-9 M Bowtby (4)
00003 POETS DAY (M Betfield) Mrs S Oliver 10-9 J Doggen
GFD- RALEIGH GAZELLE (R Newton) W G M Turner 10-9 A Sharpe

1.15 AULD LANG SYNE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,707: 2m) (8 runners)

12.45 MIDNIGHT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,074: 2m) (15 runners)

/ RASE THYRE (W Donobus) M Costell 6-11-0

O DAMY'S LUCK (F Clegg) D Barons 4-11-0... FINBARR (Mrs J Painting) N Painting 4-11-0. O FORT AGUADA (H McEwen) N Vigors 4-11-0.

0F/0- RULPORD (A Sharp) P Rensom 6-Ti-0.

KINA LAD (C R Foulkes & Sons Ltd) D Berore 4-11-0.

0 MAIRROY BOY (N Roberts) Mrs I Molie 5-11-0.

9 PAMPOLLY (A Goods) M Robinson 6-11-0.

0F-0000 SAINT WALDO (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 4-11-0.

0030/ STANETAS (Afts R Dickinson) M Dickinson 5-11-0.

3-031 TRUE SPARTAN (D) (T Eckley) G Price 6-11-10.

9 HIGHDALE (Mrs P Cosgrave) J Cosgrave 4-10-9.

0 MY PURPLE PROSE (N Dempster) J Cid 5-10-9.

U ONLY TROUBLE (T Houbrooks) T Houbrooks 5-10-9.

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This opposition looks rather less fierce and he can take advantage of the hefty 10lb allowance from Bangor winner The Mississippian, while the National Hunt Flat race winner Pride Hill is untried over hurdles. Brown Trix is still not foot-

perfect over fences but he will get few better opportunities than in the New Year's Eve Handicap Chase. He was still in contention when unscating his rider three fences out in the Towcester chase won by Greenbank Park earlier this

The best of the limited opposition, both numerically and in ability, may be Bashful Lad, a course and distance winner.

Whatever the fate of Bashful Lad, his trainer Michael Oliver can win the Father Time Novices' Handicap Chase with the consistent New Song. He was beaten only a short head by Turkana at Wolverhamoton last month and later ran respectably when last of three finishers behind Tarqogan's Best in a better race at Haydock.

Mr Candy can make his abundant stamina count in the Racing Post Handicap Chase at Plumpton. He was fourth to Steel Yeoman over the course and distance earlier this month, a much stronger race than today's, and should hold another dour staver Delator, a winner at Plumpton



Ian Wardle's Delator, the winner of the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Cup Chase at Plumpton earlier this ISON, will have his favourite soft ground when he returns to the Sussex course for today's Racing Post Handicap Chase

#### Guide to our in-line racecard

8-0432 TRIESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 . and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider pites any silowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price. 2.15 NEW YEARS EVE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,323: 3m) (5 runners) P21-16F MEISTER (C) (A Gration) J Old 6-11-7 11F48-U BROWN TRIX (C Cronin) F Winter 8-11-1 122033 BASHFUL LAD (CD,BF) (Mrs F Perkes) M Oliver 11-10-6 ... F02P-04 DINGBAT (C) (T Raggett) Mrs S Devenport 10-10-5 ... 0134-PF BROWN'S STARI (Fi Tonkin) D Oughton 6-10-0

FORM MESTER (11-4) best judged on seasonal debut when besting Maggie Dee (10-7) 1% at Newton Abbot (3m 2), 23584, soft, Nov 25, 4 ran). BROWN TRIX (10-12) set in with a chance when unseating 3 out in race won by Greenbank Park (10-3) at Towcester (3m, good to soft); on final outing of last season (10-7) finished 31 2nd to Greenwood Lad (12-6) at Huntingdon (3m, 22716, good, Nov \*85, 3 ran). BASH-FUL LAD (11-3) held from 3 out when 20 3nd to Gusenswey Boy (10-10) at Uttoweter (3m 2), 2272, good to 50ft, Nov 13, 5 ran). DBNGBAT (11-4) looked to be returning to best when 10% if the France Capitaln (10-13) at Chepstow (2m 4f, 22264, soft, Dec 20, 16 ran). BROWN'S STAR has yet to complete this season, on final outing of last term (11-7) was 3 ½1 4th to Camp Dumphy (11-0) at Folkestone (3m 2f, 21743, soft, Apr 29, 10 ran). Setection: DBNGBAT (11-7)

2.45 FATHER TIME NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 00/ BRASSEYS COPSE (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 7-12-12 10-2912 GOLD TYCOON (D,BF) (C Woolford) J Spearing 7-12-7 (7ex) 604000- POLISH (R Broothouse) J Spearing 8-10-7 2-3723 New SONG (J Sanders) M Oliver 7-10-5 10 30-31 LLAMPADRIG (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 6-10-4 11 UD-0000 ASNED (B) (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 7-10-2 11002F3 BELLIVER PRINCE (Cadl & Co Ltd) J Baler 6-10-0 22 PAR000 GENERAL BESTYFAX (J Gálo) M McCourt 8-10-0 22 RADOURS - EXCLUSIVE FOX (Popre of the tast J Morris) Miss P Morris 9-10-0 A Webb 89 7-2
P Dever 7-1
R Destroody 93 11-4
M Bowley (4) 90 F2-1 

FORM: GOLD TYCCON (11-4) makes a quick reappearance after finishing 41 2nd to Royal Harbour (11-6) with BELLIVER PRINCE (11-4) who blundered bedly 2 out 15 back in 3rd at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, 52277, heavy, Dec 26, 13 ran), NEW SONS (10-12) no headway from 2nd leave when 91 3rd to Tarqopan's Best (10-12) at Haydock (2m 4f, 22337, good to soft, Dec 10, 5 ran), LLANPADRIG (10-12) ran on from the 3rd last to finish 111 3rd to Larry-O (10-12) at Hereford (2m 4f, 12790, good to soft, Dec 2, 11 ran), BELLIVER PRINCE (11-6) last successful when beating Final Clear (11-5) 1% at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, 21953, good to firm, Aug 14, 9 ran), GENERAL BREYFAX (11-3) 395 5th to Kouris (11-3) at Towcester (2m, 21258, good to soft, Dec 13, 15 ran), EXCLUSIVE FOX (10-0) ended last season with a 5½1 3rd to Fifth Column (10-0) at Warwick (2m, 21024, soft, Apr 18, 13 ran). Selections BELLIVER PRINCE

3.15 MIDNIGHT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,001: 2m) (7 runners)

88 9-2 98 3-1 199 7-1 — 98
....... A Webb 999
..... P Nicholis — F
..... H Denries — 2
..... R Creak 92 — F2-1 — 20-1 52 3-1

FORM THE MISSISSIPPIAN (10-7) only needed to be pushed clear at Bangor (2m 41, 2986, soft, Dec 8, 17 ran) bearing Hill Beagle (10-10) 77. BHLYS BRIDGE: (11-4) handled the heavy ground well when 151 2nd to Musical Mystery (11-5) at Folkestone last time (2m 110), 2894, Dec 16, 15 ran). CHRISTIAN SCHAD'S best effort last year was at Chellenham (11-0) when 101 2nd to Tangarat (11-0) whith 10 2nd to Tangarat (11-0) whith 101 2nd to Tangarat (11-0) whith 102 2nd to Tangarat (11-0) has run in two NLH-Flet races, most recently when 3%13nd to Redmarkey (10-9) at Doncaster (2m 150), 2925, good, Dec 13, 18 ran). ROYAL CRACKER was prominent when carried out at Warwick last Saturday, previously ran a good race when (11-0) 101 2nd to the potentially useful Special Vintage (11-7) at Catterlok (2m, 2885, good, Dec 17, 14 ran). Selection: ROYAL CRACKER

**Course specialists** 

**JOCKEYS** TRAINERS Rides Per Cent 236 16.1 203 14.8 P Scudar H Davies 17.9 10.1 Only two qualifiers

O Rogairio, who has proved a life saver this season for his Salisbury trainer Peter Bailey, made it four wins from four starts this term, making light of a 5lb-penalty in the J H Rowe Challenge Trophy at Stratford yesterday.

The ten-year-old has provided four of Bailey's six successes this season and the grateful trainer said: "He's come back well after a soft palate operation and he's gone up 19lb in the handicap since winning here the first week in November. He loves going left-handed bat he's not robust enough for fences like at Newbury."

#### **PLUMPTON**

FORM WARRIOR UNCLE (10-3) was 111 3rd to Flaming Pearl (11-10) in a similar event to this at Plumpton on seasonal debut (2m, £716, good to soft, Nov 10, 11 ran). ITS A LAUGH (10-9) finished 12! 2nd to Water Eaton Sandy (10-8) in a Hereford N.H.Flat race (2m, £932, firm, Oct 3, 7 ran) but has deappointed in selling company twice subsequently. TRACK MARSHALL, 7th in a Towcester Seller test time; carrier (10-10) a 2½1 winner from Reluctant Gitt (10-5) in a similar event at Hereform at The Company to the first time this season when 11½13rd to Kurwalt Leel (11-0) here at Worcester (2m 4f, £1120, heavy, Dec 17, 12 ms.)

Selections By Mandarin

1.00 Flower Of Tintern 1.30 Solent Breeze

3.00 Manston Marauder

Michael Seely's selection: 1.00 ICKWORTH (nap) The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 PRINCE SATTRE

Going: soft

1.0 HEATHFIELD NOVICE HURDLE (£703: 2m) (18 runners) --- 25-1 --- 6-1 Bt 7-1 Dale McKeown (7) W Morris 74 16-1 ..... M Herrington ..... G Landau (4)

1.30 ARDINGLY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£718: 2m) (11 runners)

000PO RHODE ISLAND RED (J Bruton) A Moore 3-10-8.

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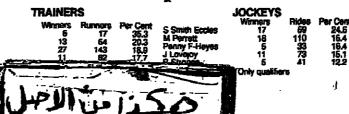
2.0 RACING POST HANDICAP CHASE (£2,435: 3m 1f) (10 runners)

94 7-2.30 OFFHAM NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m) (9 runners) 0 CAPISTRANO CLIMAX (S M Dem Ltd) W Kemp 10-10. 0P HELVICK BAY (Mrs R Herniques) M Henriques 10-10... 442 PRINCE SATIRE (A Spence) R Akshurst 10-10... O PRIOK (W Wightman) W Wightman 10-10 00 PRIOK (W Wightman 10-10 00 STADIA PUBLICITY (J Bridger) J Bridger 10-10 00 STADIA PUBLICITY (J Bridger) J Bridger 10-10 00 DIAM (Ricespoers Cub Owners Group) K Offer 10-10 00 BAYTINO (R Brown) H Collingridge 10-5 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) B Stevens 10-6 00 DIAM SV VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popowich) DIAM SV VENE — 14-1 80 6-1 W Morris --- 20-1

3.0 RINGMER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,651: 2m) (4 runners) 021410 MANSTON MARAUDER (CD) P Hedger 10-11-12 (Sex)........... Penny F-Heyes (7) ● 99 F4-6 14 000-PPO LINCLE DAI (E Treacy) J Bridger 7-10-0 15 0F000-P WEAVERSLAKE (B Daley) G Roley 10-10-0 16 3040B-0 HANOVER PRINCE (G Graham) G Graham 11-10-0

3.30 ROTTINGDEAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,289: 2m) (13 runners)

**Course specialists** 



# campaign for French Captain

received a trophy even bigger than the one she collected for the St Leger victory of Moon Madness, when yet reiden relationses, when French Captain landed the Whitelaw Challenge Cup Handicap Chase by 12 lengths at Fontwell Park yesterday.

The ex-Irish gelding, carrying a 9th-penalty after victories at Chepstow and Plumpton, was left in the lead when the longtime leader Autumn Zulu came down at the fifth-last fence. French Captain, the 7-4 favourite, survived a bad blu

at the second-last and went on for an easy victory. Pragada was confirmed the winner of the Brighton Novice Hurdle after a lengthy stewards' inquiry, but the minor placings were reversed with Gex getting second place and Roubayd relegated to third.

After a photo-finish had shown Josh Gifford's newcomer Pragada as the head winner the stewards launched an inquiry into interference at the final

The first three jockeys, Rich-The Inst three jockeys, Richard Rowe (Pragada), Allea Webb (Rouhayd) and Hywel Davies (Gex) were called in and with the Whitelaw Challenge Cop Chase, in which Rowe was engaged, already ten minutes late, the stewards decided to nectness the invarious well affect.

sate, the stewards decided to postpone the inquiry until after the third race.

It was a nail-biting delay for retired Brighton businessman Eric McGlone who was celebrat-ing his first success with his first

#### Dark Raven doubtful

Dark Raven is a deubtful starter for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham reported his trainer, Dermot Weld, yesterday (our Irish Racing Correspondent

Dark Raven, out of work for the past week after tapping himself, did not please Weld when he exercised him at The Carragh yesterday morning. The trainer said: "The setback appears to be more serious than I had imagined and while the Champion Hurdle is still more than 10 weeks away, I would have to regard him as an

unlikely contender. "I will defer a decision about scratching him from the race for some weeks but in the meantime think the bookmakers should elete him from their lists.'

# Rewarding Nicholson planning Irish encore with **Very Promising**

From our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

prediction that, given good ground, Very Promising would be very hard to beat in vesterday's first staging of the Black and White Whisky Champion Chase was well substantiated at Leopardstown when the eight-year-old ran out a convincing eight lengths winner.

Over the last three fences only three of the seven runners. Very Promising, Bobsline and Royal Bond were in contention as at the previous fence the second English challenger, Oregon Trail, made a bad mistake and lost a lot of ground.

Royal Bond, now rising 14 years of age, struggled gamely to stay in touch but he was done with between the last two

Very Promising touched down threequariers of a length in front of Bobsline over the last and although Bobsline held him for another few strides Very Promising began to assert his superiority on the run-in, drawing well clear.

Frank Berry, Bobsline's rider, accepted the situation 100 yards from home while Very Promising kept up a good gallop to the line to win in style. Ten lengths further back was Royal Bond who stayed on gamely to take third prize
Very Promising was acquired

David Nicholson's confident by Paul Green in the spring and already he has won two big prizes in his colours, yesterday's success having been preceded by victory in the Mackeson Gold

Cup at Cheltenham. Nicholson, outlining his plans for the winner, said that he hoped to bring Very Promising back to Leopardstown in Febuary for the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup.

The distance of that race is three miles and Nicholson said: "If he gets it well here, I would have to seriously consider running him in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. On the other hand, if the race shows up a lack of stamina, then I would be happy to drop back to a shorter distance and make the Queen Mother Two Mile Champion Chase his Cheltenham

Bobsline will again take him on in the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup and Frank Berry is hoping for much softer ground for their

Leopardstown result Going: good
2.5 (2½m ch): 1. VERY PROMISING (R
Dunwoody 5-4 Fav); 2. Bobaline (F Berry
5-2; 3. Rogal Bond (T J Taafle 25-1). Also
ren: 5-2 Oragon Trail (Sh), 12 hard Case
(4th), 25 Another Brownie (D), Boro
Cuarter (6th), 7 ran, NR-Seskin Bridge, 81,
101, 31, 11, dast 0 Nicholson at Stow-onthe-Wold, Tote: 22-30; £1.50, £1.80, £3.00.
CSF: £5.10.

#### Corporal Clinger to mount another successful raid

Following Very Promising's win yesterday Corporal Clinger can take another IRE50,000 prize, the Sean P Graham Memorial Hurdle at Leopardstown today, back to England (our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Corporal Clinger, trained by Martin Pipe, has become very much a one-track performer and

much a one-track performer and this will be his first race away from Cheltenham in two sea-sons. He beat Kesslin there last year in the Bula Hurdle, and as the runner-up later won the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle, although he subsequently lost the race on a controversial disqualification, it is easy to make a case for Corporal

On paper, the pick of the irish runners would be Bonalma, who won the last running of the Sweeps Hurdle over this course and distance before finishing

Bookmakers William Hill re-port substantial Champion Hurdle support for Corporal Clinger and have laid him to lose almost £200,000, cutting his Cheltenham odds to 14-1 from 25-1.

Fergy on right track

Fergy Foster has really taken to Newcastle. He has won three times this season and all have been at the course. His latest victory came in the Game Bird Handicap Chase yesterday when he beat Ivacop by two lengths. The six-year-old is owned by Frank Scotto, chairman of Sedgefield racecourse.

#### 2.15 SOMERSET COUNTY GAZETTE 150 HANDICAP CHASE (£2,209: 2m 1f) (8) TAUNTON Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Olympic Eagle. 1.15 Repetitive. 1.45 Dangerous Game. 2.15 Atataho. 2.45 MORN-ING LINE (nap). 3.15 French Flutter.

Going: soft 12.45 HOLLY TREE JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 3-Y-O: £466: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 OLYMPIC EAGLE (CD) S Christian 11-5 ... 0 BOLD FURY J Roberts 10-9 ... 8 FINE BLUE G Thomer 10-9 ... 00 FOREMAST D Tucker 10-9 ... 00 FOREMAST D Tucker 10-9 ....... 0 JULTOWN LAD H Beasley 10-9... 9 MATELOT RUTALE A LINKSON 9 CURT TALLY J Beter 10-9 0 ROYAL BERKS L Cottrell 10-9 400 TRIAS LAD J Etwards 10-9 GAY CRISELLE R Holder 10-4 00 JANE CRANGS Griffiths 10-4 MINN MAID N Kernick 10-4 10-1 SHEER NECTAR G Belding 10-4 ... UPHAM QUEEN D Gendolfo 10-4.

1.15 HANGOVER NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£467: 2m 1f) (12)

1 0-03 BOULEVARD ROY R Holder 4-11-7 P Morphy
2 0 PAMELA MEANEY H Beasley 4-11-7 C Cox
3 ROBROB F Holls 4-11-7 C Gray
9 P00 CHATTERSPARK R Hodges 3-10-7 B Powel
9 P00 K O ISLAND W Turner 3-10-7 Tracy Turner (7)
10 00 RUSSKI K Curninghem-Brown 3-10-7 Peter Hobbs
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14 00 GOLDEN AZELJA R Brazington 3-10-2 R J Beggen
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18 3422 DEDETUTIES M Bins 3-10-2 Evens Repetitive, 11-4 Boulevard Roy, 6-1 Solent Flyer, 8-1 Sintaki Dancer, 12-1 Pamela Heaney, 16-1 others. 1.45 TANGIER PRESS NOVICE CHASE (£1,884:

15-8 Dangerous Game, 7-2 Our White Hart, 4-1 Bryms, 6-1 The Thirsty Farmer, 10-1 Stand Firm, Rodger Dell.

5-2 Doubleton, 100-30 Ataraho, 9-2 St William, 6-1 Gringo, Mood Music, 6-1 Hope Gep, 10-1 Scottish Air. 2.45 CASTLE GREEN PRINTERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,246: 2m 1f) (14) 3 800- DICK'S REVENGE R Hodges 7-11-7.... 6 0000 MORNING LINE L Kennard 9-11-4..... 7 4U-8 THE THUNDERER D Elsworth 6-11-2... 20 10-0 LORD BURPHY (CD) R Holder 4-10-1 P Marphy 21 3/89 KEEP SAUNTERING W G Turner 7-10-0 Tracy Torser (7) 3-1 Careen, 7-2 The Thunderer, 4-1 Coral Harbour, 5-1 Redgrave Girl, 6-1 Morning Line, 8-1 Winart, 12-1 Top Gold. 3.15 HOLLY TREE JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE 9-4 Trelawney, 3-1 Tinsel Rose, 4-1 Autumn Plutter, 6-1 French Flutter, 8-1 Sandron, 10-1 Sousaga.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Holder, 12 winners from 54 numers, 22.2%; M Pipe, 28 from 171, 16.4%; L Kennard, 15 from 107, 14.0%; D Escorth, 6 from 48, 12.5%; I Wardie, 5 from 53, 9.4%; R Hodges, 11 from 119, 9.2%.

JOCKEYS: C Brown, 14 winners from 94 rides, 14.9%; P Richards, 13 from 95, 13.7%; Peter Hobbs, 7 from 57, 12.3%; B Powell, 11 from 103, 10.7%; R Millman, 5 from 64, 7.8%; J Frost, 5 from 96, 5.2%.

## Results from yesterday's three meetings

Fontwell Park

Gotag: good to soft

12.45 (3m 21 10yd ch) 1, SOUTHDOWN
SPREIT (R Rowell, 11-5 fav); 2, Hopeful
Saint (M Perrett, 11-2; 3, Servilla (J
Akehurs; 53-1), ALSO (RAI: 100-30 Hello
Killiney (pu), 8 5 was Jacket (f), 14 SquareRigged (R, 33 Billy Bumps (pu), Poor
Excuse (4th), 8 ran, MR: Haystack's Flyer.
4, dst, 51, Miss 1, Bover at Airestord.
Tote: E2.10; 21.10, 21.80 21.0.20, DR:
61.10, CSF: 28.16. 105: 22.10. CSF: 28.16.

1.15 (2m 2! hclie) 1. PRAGADA (R Rowe. 12-1): 2. Gex (H Davies, 5-1); 3. Reubsyd (A Webb, 5-2 lavi). ALSO RAN: 3 httmad (bd). 4 Brent riverside (5th). 14 Grundy's Own (4th), 16 Cramming (8th). Out Yonder, 25 Greek Swift (pu), 86 Lucky Bake, Matotaid (pu), Passion Pay (pu), Cuarterfissh, Wing Bee (pu), Parsian Biade (f), 15 ran. hd, nk, 61, 114, 101. J Gittord at Findon. Tota: \$2,20; £1,90 £1,70, £1,40. DF: £35,90. CSF: £99.38. Roylogyd Shished second, other a stewards inquiry wats placed third.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, FRENCH CAPTAIN (M Kinene, 7-4 favi; 2, Ludin American (I Hervey, 2-1; 3, Aughts Bouze (R Rowe, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Autumn Zuhi (f), 16 Graiguetamanagh (4th), 5 ran. 12, dist, not. recorded. Lady Herriae at Littlehampton. Tota: £2,70; £1,60 £1,40. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.50.

DF: 23.30, CSF: 25.56.

2.15 (2m 2f Infle) 1, BARA PBG (Judy Blaksney, 6-1): 2, Trable Chance (C Brown, 6-1): 3, Hetava Season (J Frost, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 12-8 tav Tudor Tuto, 100-90 Cetic Velley (4th), 10 H and K Hatmick, 12-1 Tarahumara (8th), 20 Wild Sap (5th), 25 Saravanta, 33 Fredir b Foly (pu), Chome Express, 50 Another Floss (pu), Bournemouth Belle (pu), Eliza Hambrook, Greythian Queen (pu), Kabuti, 16 ran. NR: Telling Telles, 41, 24, 43, 11, R Biskeney at Devizes, Tote: 28-40; E2.00; E2.00 £3.30. DF: E28.00. CSF: £45.30. 22.00 £3.30. DF: £28.00. CSF: £43.30.

2.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, FADA (M Bosley, 20-1); 2, Scale The Heights (N Coleman, 20-1); 3, Wordel (G Moore, 16-1). ALSO FAN: 6-4 tav Prince Moon (f), 4 Epryana (f), 15-2 Highland Cardinal (f), Palmarston (f), 14 Hidbly (pu), 20 Caly Sticker (f), 33 Byroc Boy (5th), Hardbridge (uf), 50 Lloyds Dark Lady (pu), Romacha (f), Prince Falix (4th), 14 fan, NR: Lucky Gold, 30, 54, 20, dist. J Bosley at Bampton, Tota: £20.50; £3.30, £4.20; £2.30. DF: £205.10. CSF: £314.29, Tricast: £5,750.29.

3.15 (2m 2! hole) 1, WHARRY RUN (P Barton, 6-1); 2, Whither Goest Thou (D Murphy, 9-2); 3, Davy's Weir (R Rows, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 (zv Beech Road (I), 11

Shirwyood (5th), Hot Handed, 16 Our Nobby (4th), 20 Tight Turn (6th), 66 Artic Chief. 9 ren. NR Rusty Rupert. 41, hd, sh hd. 2, 41. I Dudgeon at Warminster. Tolse £7.50: £2.00. £1.70, £1.60. DF: £13.90. CSF. £33.01. Tricast: £90.62. Piscepot: £172.85.

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12.45 (2m 120yd hdie) 1, CAROUSEL
ROCKET (G Bradiey, 4-7 favi; 2, Humicane
Henry (L Wyer, 7-4); 3, Andrea's Pride (C
Grant, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 14 Johnstan Boy
(5th), 20 Hidden Gift (4th), 5 ran. NR:
Bonne Nait, Somendew. 51, 131, dist, 7. R
Whitzker at Wighterby, Tote: 21, 50, 21, 20,
£1.10. DF: £1.40, CSP: £2.09. 1.15 (2m 120)xd hdie) 1, GRUNDY'S PET (M Hammond, 4-1); 2, Denvides (Mr P Johnson, 33-1); 3, Materials (C Grand, 8-13 tay), ALSO RAM: 7-2 Architle Fred (4th), 50 hus Saucy (pu), 5 ran. 8t, 4t, 20; G M Moore at Middleham. Tota: £4,20; £2.10, £3.20. DF: £17.50. CSF: £51.47. No bid. 145.24 debt. 1, ESERGY EXPERTED OF 1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, FERGY FOSTER (R Lamb, 11-10 fav); 2, Ivacop (C Grant, 4-1); 3, Pristrose Weod (P Tuck, 9-2); ALSO RAN: 7-2 Royal Jat (f), 4 ran, NR; Joe's Fancy, 21, 121 W A Stephenson at Bishop Auddand, Tota: \$1.90. DF: \$2.50. CSF: 95 14.

2.15 (2m 120yd hdle) 1. DHONI (M Hammond, 5-1); 2. Pat's Jester (R Lamb, 4-5 tav); 3. Elegant Guest (C Grant, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Barnel Bushy (4th), 16 Mercia Gold, 25 Mubah (pu), 33 Jimany; Secret, Masser Music (pu), 50 All A Draem, Tirrecio (8th), Virajandra, Crownit (8th), 12 ran, 4, 31, 20, 191, 25, G M Moore at Middleham, Tota: 25.50; 92.50, \$1.10, \$1,50, DP: 25.00, CSP: £9.37. \$1.50, DP: 25.00. CSP: E9.37.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, VALIANT WOOD (T G Dun, 3-1); 2, Dan D'Or (Mr T Read, 9-4 ji-fav); 3, Handy Trick (F Lamb, 9-4 ji-fav); 3, Handy Trick (F Lamb, 9-4 ji-fav); ALSO RAN: 9 Möghzi Mark (401), 18 Owen Duff (pu), 20 Not Easy (ur), 33 Keep Desenting (50h), Clarifaw (f), 8 ran. NR: Opilen, Your Dead Right. 25 fl. 121, 19. Mrg W Tulkie at Eyemouth. Tota: E2.30; C1.50, \$1.40, £1.50. DP: £3.90. CSP: £9.55.

3.15 (2m 4f hdie) 1, SECRET WALK (R)

29.55.
3.15 (2m 4l hdle) 1, SECRET WALK (R. Lamb, 15-8, fav); 2, Roman Dusk (P. Dernis, 12-1); 3, Helf Brother (L. Wyer, 3-1); ALSO RAN: 9-2 Some Machine (4th), 6. lay Elle Thaw (pu), 14 Cracinill, Flying Squad (5th), Lockler (6th), 33 Burtl Walk (pu), 9 an, 3, 194, 294, 7, 5, W A Septiman at Eishop Auddand, Toke (3.00; 21.80, 22.80, 22.20, DF: \$23.40, CSF: 223.79.

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1.0 (2m hule) 1. ACONITUM (M Richards, 7-2; Mandarin's nep); 2. New Forest
Led (M Pitman, 4-1); 3. Passigne's Pride (J
Hurst, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 sav Picadrily
Lord (4th). 14 Trojan Prince, 20
Bundaburg, 50 Barner Coin, Busted
Ravour, Lochien, Papageno, Dancing
Clara (5th), Ripoling Flame (8th). 12 ran.
NR: Kylennakil, Whi's Son. 10, 31, 151, 11,
131, 10 Sherwood at Upper Lambourn,
Tote: \$4.30; £2.20, £1.10, £1.70, DF:
£55.60, CSF: £16.20

1.30 (2m hole) 1, KUWAKT LEEL (C Smith, 94 fayl; 2, Fits-de-Rol (T Pimfield, 11-2); 3, Lucy King (W Humphreys, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Townsville (pu), 7 Discover Gold (4m), 8 Patraten, 12 Gold Sovereign (5th), 16 Petegrin (pu), 20 Choristers Dream, 33 Gienn's Sipper (6m), 50 Cutten's Pet, 11 ran. NR: Tabasco, Aphrodesiac, 20, 8, 3, 8, 2, F Jordan at Leonileigner, Toice 23, 70; 21, 50, 22,40, 23,30. DF: 29,50. CSF: £13,84. Tricast 2216,65. Bought in 2,800 grs.

2.0 (Sm 21 ch) 1. ROGAIRIO (S Morshead, 5-4 fav); 2. River Warrior (G Davies, 8-1; 3. Princely Call (J. Suthern, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mayarincor (4th), 9 Young Bood (pu), 12 Membridge (pu), 8 ran. NR: Owen Glendower, 81, 251, dist, P Bailey at Saisbury, Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £2.80. OF: £6.30, CSF; £9.59. 22.80. OF: 26.30. CSF: 29.59.
2.30 (2m ch) 1, FINNESKO (Mr G Upton. 9-2): 2. Awaring (Mr S Cowley. 12-3): 3. Resize (Mr M Armylage. 3-1 js-fay). ALSO FAN: 3 (t-fax Statios Describer (5m), 9-2 (Sayth. 6 Legate (6th). 25 Chestmat Prince (4th). 7 ran. 2%1, 1%1, 1%1, 1%1, 1%1, 2%1, S (2m Station at Lambourn. Tota: £7.30; £3.40. £3.00. DF: £15.90. CSF: £45.10. 3.0 (2m of ch) 1. SAMBY DRAKE (B Dowling, 12-1); Z. Fjording (M Hoad, 8-1) favi; 3. Camery Court (B Powell, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Coolek (5th), 6 Juvenile Prince (4th), 50 Call (b) pop), 6 ran. 51, 151, dist, dist. R Lee at Presteigne, Tote; £11.50; £3.40, £1.10. DF: £7.40, CSF; £20.90.

220.90.

3.30 (2m hole) 1. MULROY BAY (S Davies, 25-1); 2. Fire Bay (C Smath, 2-1 fart); 3. Merry Tom (A Price, 3-1). ALSO Riverside Writer, 20. Just Acquitted (6th), (4th), 66 Bank House Lodge (pu), 10 ran. NR. Denny's Ride, Monrita, 11, 156, 8. 8. 8. 22.10; 22.00, 21.80, 21.90. DP: \$18.90. PRICED CSF: \$72.00.

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David Miller predicts loss of grass at Kooyong will end Davis Cup greatness for Fraser's men

# Australia may never surface again

The Australians should savour their triumph in the Davis Cup. It may sever happen again — and almost certainly not for a very long time. The days of Pat Cash may become a fond memory like Britain's pre-War era with Fred Perry. The reason is that the Australians could be about to commit tennis suicide.

The abandonment of the Victoria The abandonment of the Victoria
Lawn Tennis Association's traditional home as Kooyong – the
scene of so many historic matches
including Sunday's wonderful climax between Mikael Pernfors and
Cash – for the £25 million new
national centre at Finders Park has one over-riding snag: the surface. While the nation basks in self acciain at the recapture of the Cup from Sweden, it should pause to reflect that on almost any artificial surface, such as Flinders Park will have, the Swedes would probably have won 5-0: and that with almost any trio selected from seven or eight

The bold switch decided upon by the Australian association could change the face of their national game in several ways. The rest of the world's players would no longer make the long trip so readily for gaining experience on grass, which would then become almost exclusive to Wimbledon; Australian players would simultaneously have to breed a new competence on a different surface, with fewer foreign players against whom to test themselves; and Australia would lose its invaluable home advantage in the Davis Cup, being under contract to play all its ties at the new centre.

Cash, for the moment regarded locally as superman, on account of his second, and exceptional, perfor-mance in four years in Davis Cup finals, has won only a single Grand Prix tournament in his career, here in Melbourne. Without grass, with a squad of mostly ageing players and with few outstanding youngsters on the horizon, Australia will be hard pressed to sustain its prestige in this

To install artificial grass, which many performers regard as dan-gerous, rather than coment or another synthetic surface, would further discourage visiting players. It will be a critical decision which Brian Tobin, the president of Tennis Australia, and Neale Fraser, the non-playing captain, must soon

make.

For Sweden, however, the future stretches invitingly towards an invisible horizon. They have a unique depth of talent and, significantly, a sporting temperament that is equally unique.

During his speech at the celebra-tion banquet, Fraser congratulated Sweden on their sportsmanship and said that Australia had something to learn from the manner in which the Swedes can accept defeat. In sporting terms they are, as we discovered with Borg, about as emotional as a snowman. It is as much the secret of their winning as of the congeniality

When, in Munich last year, Wilander and Nystrom won the doubles, always so important, against Becker and Maurer, the Swedish squad was wholly without elation as it returned

ficiently to produce victory

from a lacklustre performance.

"The first set was strange.

was returning a lot better than I usually do and wasn't serving

that badly, but she was returning well," Miss Gomer said. "At the

beginning of the second set I wasn't really there mentally, but

she let me back in by making a

problems however."The first match is obviously difficult after a long journey." she said, having spent Christmas in Australia to

prepare for the tournament. "If

Eva Krapl, a tall Swiss who should give her an easier ride

ish player to have arrived early to prepare for the Australian

Open which begins on January
12. Miss Hobbs should win
against Carin Bakkum, although
she is capable of losing to almost

anyone if the moon is in the

wrong phase or her egg at

ever, if Miss Hobbs does succeed then she will have to face

Pam Shriver, the No. 2 seed.

Anne Hobbs is another Brit-

you can squeeze through while playing badly then it gives you confidence in the next round." Her next match will be against

Miss Gomer hadexpected

number of errors."

to the locker room. "It was quite unlike anything I have ever experienced when anyone has just won a vital match," Tony Pickard, who is personal coach to Edberg, says. "They were quite unmoved. This Swedish temperament, while it can exasperate you when trying to get them motivated, it is a tremendous passet, because they can also recover asset, because they can also recover instantly from defeat, which seldom undermines them. They are all like

When Edberg was interviewed immediately after defeat in last Sunday's doubles, he was cerily detached. How are Sweden's chances now, going 2-1 behind, he was asked? Almost with a shrug he publish "Tomorpus is another day." replied: "Tomorrow is another day."

German welcome Australia's Davis Cup victory has

carned it a place in World Team Cup from May 18 to 24, organisers of the \$500,000 (about £344,000) tournament in Disseldorf announced yesterday. Australia's entry as a wild card joins France, the holders, Sweden, the beaten Mel-bourne finalists, United States, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Argentina and West Germany who qualified on the basis of the rankings of their top two players.

It was a sharp contrast with the intensity exhibited by the Australians: an attitude with allows the Swedes to retain, in contemporary professional sports, a rare equilibrium. If a finesman or umpire makes a monumental howier ... well,

Yet, so difficult did both Pickard and Hans Olssen, the Swedish team manager, find the task of encourag-ing the phlegmatic Edberg to wind himself up last weekend that he may himself up last weekend that he may well have forfeited, for the time being at least, his place in the team: certainly when they travel to Italy for the first round next year. The team then is likely to he Wilander and Nystrom, with Permiors the alternative choice for singles.

Even after winning the doubles third set on Sahurday to keep the match alive, an empty Edberg said to his manager during the 10-minute interval in the dressing room: "I just can't play." It has to be wondered whether Olssen made a mistake in permitting the squad to bring their

waterier Ussen made a mistake in permitting the squad to bring their girlfriends, as a concession to the festive time of the final. "The doubles was the turning point," Olssen said. "We would have you with Wilander hard I'm

have won with Wilander - but I'm nave won with Wilander - but I'm not criticizing him for staying away for his wedding. He has done so much for us in the past."

The revelation of the tie has been, of course, Pernfors. Both Olssen and Fraser are of the opinion that he has the ability to min Winsheden.

has the ability to win Wimbledon, never mind his lack of experience on grass. Those who have been present at Koyong down the years were saying yesterday that the fourth rubber between Pernfors and Cash was the best Davis Cap encounter since Hoad beat Trabert in 1953.

Ola Malmqvist, Pernfors's coach, who is only 28 and has won the Swedish doubles title with his "pupil," is werried that Pernfors such a talent to do the problem: he is occasionally reluctant to play the safe shot, preferring the set point to win the second set 6-4, instead of 6-2.

In the next game, he played one of the most remarkable shots ever seen, with the width of the court to cover in order to reach a drop-shot by Cash, he seemingly had no hope of getting there. He not only did so, but then, with a diving forehand scoop when falling head over heels. hooked an acute cross-shot which left Cash stranded and the crowd astonished. They rose to applaud. It is symptomatic of the Swedish

attitude that Perafors, rather than play in the Australian Open starting in two weeks, is going home to practice for a month with Malmqvist. "We can improve everything in his game, especially his serve and forehand," Malmqvist said. "We want to establish a place in the top ten." This pats into perspective the understandable yet exaggerated claim by Derek Hardwick, the International Tennis Federation's chairman of the Davis Cup Committee that "rankings don't matter. the Davis Cup is the essence of the

It may once have been, but no more, never mind an unforgetable final: certainly not without the likes of McEnroe and Lendl in the com petition. These days, professionals gauge their season by where they finish in the rankings. If you lose one match ... there is always an-

spectacular, as when he squandered

historic moves are afoot for a complete take-over by the ama-teurs, subject to negotiation with the International Amateur Athletic Federation. One or two small enclaves survive, however, and one such is at Edinburgh's Meadowbank

year sprint takes place on Thursday and Friday this week. Formerly known as the Powderhall Sprint, after the stadium where it was held for many of its 117 years, it is now many of its 117 years, it is now called the Carlsberg Sprint after its sponsor. But, compared to the rich pickings of the so-called amateur circuit with its road races and grands prix, the Carlsberg is small beer.

A first prize of £1,400 is only £400 more than when George McNeill—the only man to have won both it and Australia's ton

won both it and Australia's top event, the Stawell Gift — won the centenary sprint in 1970, its last year at Powderhall. Though the traditionalists inciet that Meadowhank with its

modern synthetic track, has not the same atmosphere as the grass and cinders of the Edin-burgh greyhound and speedway stadium, it is not the switch of venues which has been responsible for the decline in popular-ity of this once great Scottish sporting fixture.

Stadium where the annual new

vance compared to the rewards

**ATHLETICS** 

## Why professional running is starting to go flat

By a Special Correspondent

Professional athletics is under threat from the increasingly filuent amateurs and, in 1987, ould all but disappear.

Olympic and Commonwealth threat from the increasingly affluent amateurs and, in 1987, could all but disappear. In Australia, for example, one Runners will not readily go on of the bastions of that code,

a "preparation". as it is known, giving up jobs, homes and even wives, going on special diets and training hard for weeks on end, all for rewards less than Scotland's outstanding women runners Liz Lynch and Yvonne

runners Liz Lynch and Yvonne Murray can regularly command, albeit via their trust funds.

Only the betting one of the main stumbling blocks in integrating the sport with the amateurs, made the ale relatively palatable with the possibility of a "school" making £10,000 or £12,000 with a cannily-placed early cannily-placed eariv

But now there is scarcely any ante-post betting and there could be 135 mystery runners in the 20 heats on New Year's Day. from which only the winners progress to the semi-finals or cross-ties the following day when the final is also held.

Of course the 110 metres race is a handicap event and hiding form to beat the handicapper and the bookmaker has always been part of the game.
It is difficult, however, to hide

class altogether and that is why the entry of two Americans.

Kipper Bell and Bill Snoddy, has added interest to the 1987 event.

Bell was the 1984 winner and first American to succeed while ty of this once great Scottish Snoddy has the fastest 100 metres time on record to his credit, a wind-assisted 9.87

## Gomer confidence receives a tonic

From Barry Wood, Brisbane

Sara Gomer, from Devon, made a satisfactory, if slightly premature, start to her 1987 season yesterday by beating Etsuko Inoue 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the first round of the Jason 2000 women's tournament.

The Japanese player may not bear a name that leaps immediately to mind when thinking of the world's better grass court exponents, but she did perform commendably during last summer's Dow Chemical event in Birmingham. At times she also performed with credit against Miss Gomer, using a beautifully fluid serve and vol-ley game that had her British onent struggling during the

early stages.

"She's the kind of player who plays a few games as if she can't possibly lose, and then she plays some awful games," Miss Gomer, the No. 14 seed, explained. Fortunately the story unfolded as expected. Miss Inoue became erratic and Miss Gomer's confidence rose suf-



Gomer: kept steady nerve **VOLLEYBALL** 

**Scotland** 

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**US** coach

By a Correspondent

The Scottish Volleyball Association will spend £4,000 to bring Doug Beal, coach to the 1984 American men's winning Olympic team, to Scotland from July 4 to 11 to take a coaching reminer in an artemnt to unserving in an artemnt to unserving the serving to the se

seminar in an attempt to up-

Nick Moody, the technical director of the SVA, said yesterday: "It's an exceptional opportunity for Scottish coaches

- Beal is without doubt the

best coach to show an interest in coming to the United King-dom." The English Association

also hope to tempt Beal south to

take a clinic.
With Scotland edging towards the top level, Moody sees Beal's interest as one of the most significant developments for Scotland in several years.

Barry Swann, the England

coach, has named one uncapped player in his squad of 12 against Cuba in the Pickfords Travel

international women's tour-nament at Alexandra Pavilion

from January 7 to 9. The newcomer is Sue Risbriger, aged 23, from Ashcombe, the league

leaders. Her team colleague. Ann Jarvis, aged 31, will bring her cap tally to 167 in this

match.
England and Sweden are tak-

England and Sweden are taxing part as guests as their
performances will not count
towards the trophy. Norway,
ranked second in Western
Europe, have taken the place of
Peru, the Olympic silver medal
winners, in a tournament likely
to be demined by the Fast

to be dominated by the East Germans, Cubans and Japanese.

Cube and East Germany both

finished in the top four in the

last world championships and

Japan, who are seventh in the

world rankings, are at a critical

stage in their build-up for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul - thus

bringing together the finest array of talent ever assembled in

ENGLISH SQUAD: D Frost, S Risbriger, A Jarvis, A Devis (all Ashcombe), D Sedgewekt, J Smith (both Sale), S Lystox, Y Kehy (both Spark), N Timeley (Poole), P Spears (Leads), N Fowler (Sacred Heart), W Ges (Bradford).

grade domestic standards.

Wild card granted to Lendl

Adelaide (Agencies) – Ivan
Lendl, the world number one,
has been granted a wild-card
entry to play in the doubles
competition at the South
Australian men's open
championships which started at the Memorial Drive grass courts here yesterday.

The Czechoslovak player, who has not entered the singles competition, arrived here yes-terday after a 30-hour flight from the United States and will partner the American Bill Scanlon in order to gain some extra grass-court practice before the Australian Open starts at Kooyong on January 12. He last played here six years ago when he spearheaded a rest-of-theworld team against an American trio in a challenge series.

In one of the tournament's opening singles matches, Amos Mansdorf, an Israeli army ser-geant who is seeded second, survived to fight again after two tough tie-breaks in his en-counter with Peter Doohan, of Australia. Mansdorf, who completes his three-year compulsory military service next month, was taken to three sets by Doohan before winning 7-6, 2-6,

Doohan, who beat Mansdorf here last year, lost the first tie-break 8-6, played consistently to take the second set and kept up the pressure in the third only to lose the tie-break 7-4. Mansdorf, ranked 39th in the world, attrib-uted part of his success to his new coach Peter Fishbach, with whom he has been training officially for only a few days. RESULTS: First round (Australian unless stated): A Manadorf (Is) bt P Dooban, 7-6, 2-6, 7-8; A Lane bt B Parce (US), 7-5, 6-3; B Dyke bt J Bates (GS), 6-3, 6-4; G Michibata (Carr) bt D Tyson, 6-2, 6-1; M Schapers (Neth) bt S Youl, 7-6, 7-5; B Scarnion (US) bt J Frana (Arg), 4-6, 6-4, 6-



Stringing it together for 1987: Alex Niepel beating Helena Walters 6-2, 7-5 at Queen's Club in the Pradential junior indoor championship. (Photo: Hugh Routledge). Results, page 26

#### **BASKETBALL**

# Edwards puts his case for United

By Nicholas Harting

annual meeting last month, when he was questioned about the £66,000 loss suffered on the

nsors, more than half-way through their three-year £250,000 contract, a team out of the running in their defence of the Carlsberg League champion-ship, and another £30,000 loss budgeted for the forthcoming year, Edwards has had to face speculation as to United's future involvement in the game.

While not completely dispelling the rumours, Edwards is clearly reluctant to end United's association with basketball that people are looking at us and if we have to pull out, obviously

In Portugal, the top two clubs,

Porto and Benfica, both won, but a shock away result for Vitoria Gnimares, 3-1 victors over Sporting Lisbon, has intensified the close competition at the top of the table.

Porto, the reigning cham-pions, beat Elvas 2-0 away, and

stay top on goal difference with 25 points from 15 matches.

Gomes, their captain, scored the first goal, in the 28th minute,

and a second from Luis soon after the interval ensured the

But Benfica had to work

harder to overcome a spirited Braga side 2-1 at home. After an own goal had put them behind, the northern side drew level from a free kick by Santos, and

resisted strongly until Nunes headed home the winning goal for Benfica in the 72nd minute.

Guimares moved into third

place, a point behind the lead-ers, thanks to their remarkable

win at Sporting — the team who themselves sensationally troun-ced Benfica 7-1 two weeks ago. The home side scored first, through their captain, Fernan-

des, but were overwhelmed in the second half. Nkama, the

Zairean player, Costeado, and the Brazilian, Paulinho Cascavel, from a penalty, were

full points.

The elegant glass statuette which has become the latest addition to the Manchester United trophy cabinet could be used as evidence on behalf of Martin Edwards.

The chairman of both the football and the basketball club, Edwards may now be able to but surely. We are followed by John Deacon at Portsmouth, seems keen to maintain the link. "We are doing all the things we can to keep it going," he said. "Slowly, but surely, we are bringing the appease some of those but surely, we are bringing the shareholders whose wrath he losses down."

With six full-time pro-

fessionals and a limited capacity of 1,500 at their home court, the the £66,000 loss suffered on the basketball front.

The trophy won by United at the weekend in the Tournament of Champions, when they defeated Polycell Kingston in a bill an extension at the football club's Cliff training headtion that Edwards does at least quarters, which could have been have a team capable of giving used for basketball.

value for money

In United's favour, however,
With the shareholders is the fact that they have no expressing dissent, Sharp, the difficulty attracting individual sponsors for each home match the veteran Royal Bond.

"If sponsors see more games like the final against Kingston, they realize they are getting something back for their money," Edwards said, "If there were no interest in basketball, it would seem a fair question for the shareholders to ask when they look at the figures. To tell

they look at the figures. To tell you the truth I wouldn't mind if we were only to break even."

Since it is Edwards' belief that United already languish behind Kingston and Portsmouth in terms of players' earnings, it is vital the club should find another sponsor in the event that Sharp cease their sponsorship.

#### **YACHTING**

#### **Condor** is third in a special line

From Barry Pickthall Fremantle

Condor, the 80ft maxi, owned hy Bob Bell, the Bermuda-based British tax exile, took the winning gun yesterday at the finish of the 630-mile Sydney to Hobart race, 20 minutes ahead of Windrand Parence 200 and and 200 and 20 of Windward Passage, now aged 18 and owned by Rod Muir, the Sydney-based media head.

Flying her yellow spinnaker up the Derwent river, Condor completed the course in two days 23hr 26min, making the British-built Ron Holland design one of only three boats in the 41-year history of this classic event to finish within three

Condor's time, however, was nine hours outside the record set in 1975 by Jim Kilroy's 79ft ketch, Kialoa, but Bell, who has taken line bonours in this race twice before, said it was great to win without the controversy that surrounded his last success three years ago. On that occasion Nirvana, the American yacht, crossed the line first but was disqualified for forcing Condor aground near the finish.

Now the British crew, who suffered a number of blown out sails and other breakages during the voyage, must wait until today to see if any of the smaller boats in this 126-strong fleet better their handicap time.

#### Ford showdown

Richard Ford, who resigned as managing director of Newport County last Saturday, faces a showdown meeting with the club's board today. He resigned after demonstrating fans chanted "Ford must go" following the 2D home defeat by third ing the 2-0 home defeat by third division tailenders Port Vale. He was persuaded to spend 48 hours reconsidering his decision but he said yesterday: "My feelings remain unchanged. I've had enough." Ford has been associated with the club for ten

Parm Shrriver, the No. 2 seed.

RESULTS: First round: (Australian unless stated): S McCann bt S Faulturer, 6-0, 6-2; M Marsikova (Cz) bt W Probst (WG), 6-2, 6-0; E Burgin (US) bt J Richsardson (N2), 4-6, 6-4; 6-1; J Mundel (SA) bt R Eden, 6-8, 8-0; C Porwik (WG) bt J Byrne, 8-1, 6-4; Hu Ne (US) bt C Scenerpy (Switz), 7-5, 6-0; E Krapi (Switz) bt A Holistova (Cz), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; S Gomer (GB) bt E Inoue (Japan), 4-6, 6-3; S Gomer (GB) bt E Inoue (Japan), 4-6, 6-3; D van Remsburg (SA) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 7-5, 6-3; M Bollegraf (Neith) bt C Montatro (Braz), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; M Jaggard bt A M Fernandez (US), 6-4, 5-2; A Betzner (MS) bt E Minter, 7-5, 6-4; E Reinson (SA) bt N Sato (Japan), 8-0, 6-1; P Hy (HK) bt C O'Nell, 7-6, 7-5; H Ludioff (US) bt N Provis, 6-4, 4-6, 8-2; E Pfairf (WG) bt T Holisaday (US), 6-0, 6-3; C Jolissahre (Switz) bt J Thompson, 6-4, 6-3; L Field bt C McGregor (US), 7-5, 1-5, 6-4. HOCKEY

# Indoor world cup brought up short

By Sydney Friskin

made to induce the Germans to play, but their reason for staying out is that the event is outside

their normal indoor season.

The entry list does not include
an Asian or African country for. an Asian or Arrican country for the simple reason that they do not play indoor hockey and so Australia, the host country, will be joined by Argentina, Austria, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland There could be a medal here

for one of the home countries and it would not be carrying

Neither West Germany, the European champions nor The final between England and Scot-Netherlands are among the 11 land, in which case it seems an entries for the first World Cup indoor hockey tournament to be held in Canberra from March 2 to 6, 1988. Efforts are still being made to induce the Germans to Federation is determined to go through with it.
Australia, having already won

the outdoor World Cup must fancy their chances to achieve the double. They will be seen in action at the Glenfiddich touraction at the Glentiddich tournament in Glasgow on January 10 to 11 and also in the sixnation tournament in Dublin from January 16 to 18.

The Australian squad includes Treva King, Warren Birmingham and Peter Haselhurst from the outdoor World Cup team.

would be tournament in Dublin from January 16 to 18.

This by the champs wans record world Cup team.

## West continue their impressive start

By Joyce Whitehead

South's temperament was right as they made a last-minute comeback with a goal from Heather Stoddart finishing the match 2-1 in the South's favour. North lost the match against Midlands in the 69th minute. Jackie Crook scored a penalty stroke in the first half after stroke in the first man and half-time Jane Newton had Margaret Burrows, the Mid-half-time Jane Newton had cleverly followed up a shot at lands goalkeeper produced a goal and scored while the West's goal and scored while the West's collapsing tackle in the wrong place, and then kept a frustrated place, and then kept a tribular and the heart and the hear though North were succeeding until Kim Gordon at last ripped the ball into the net a second before the final whistle. Midbefore the final windship opportulands had had their opportuwas a very good start to the first nities but their shots at goal were

The first three of the 10
Territorial matches played yesterday in Sherborne were very even.

Against East, South started and dominated the first match was memorable for a start was memorable for a sta Against East, South started well and dominated the first half, with Lesley Hobley giving them a 1-0 lead, but in the second half they were subdued. East picked themselves up and Jane Newton equalized, but the last match of the afternoon West ampters of the afternoon West match of the

afternoon West romped home to a 2-1 win against East. After the example set by their B team on Sunday, when they had the best result of the five territories in two matches, West sensed victory from the start and Denise Shorney soon scored from a penalty corner. But by half-time Jane Newton had egalkeeper's back was turned to

action. It was very competitive and Caroline Brown's scooped shot brought West victory. It major tournament staged in the West on artificial turf.

# **McKenzie** on course for record

Tony McKenzie, the British fight-welterweight champion from Leicester, goes for a record when he defends his title against Lloyd Christie, of Wolver-hampton, at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, on January 28.

Christie, aged 24, the elder brother of the middleweight Errel Christie, stands between McKenzie and his third British championship victory, which would give him a championship belt outright in the space of 130 days.

This compares with 203 days by the British featherweight champion, Robert Dickie, of Swansea, who recently took the record from Pat Cowdell.

McKenzie stopped his name-sake, Clinton McKenzie, in three rounds on September 20 and made his first defeace on October 25 when he beat Mike Harris over 10 rounds. He has won 16 of his 19 professional bouts in a three-year career, and is Leicester's third recent cham-pion, following Tony Sihson and Chris Pyatt.

On the same Croydon bill, Terry Marsh makes his come-back after eight months out of the ring against an American opponent yet to be named. The London lightweight, Mo Hussein, meets Langton Tinago, of Zimbahwe, for the Commonwealth title.

No deal

Brentford have decided against offering a contract to David Geddis, the Birmingham City forward, who has been on loan with the club for the last month.

Nottingham Forest, who have collected only two points from the last three games, keep an unchanged team for the New Year's Day home match with Liverpool, which means there is no place for Johnny Metgod whose contract is due for

# Tait and

## **Gilbert** to appear

The Portsmouth defenders, Billy Gilbert and Mick Tait, have asked for personal hearings on their 'disrepute' charges and will appear before an FA Commission in London on January 7. Both players were sent off in a second division game at Sheffield United on December 13.

• Luton Town expect to have another of their key players, Ricky Hill, returning to action when they play at Coventry on New Year's Day. Hill has been New Year's Day, Fill has been out for six weeks with a knee injury. Mick Harford, who played his first match in six months at Nottingham Forest on Sunday, reported no adverse reactions from the knee injury which required four operations in 1986.

• The police have relented on the kick-off time for Tottenham's visit to Charlton on New Year's Day. With a 20,000 crowd expected at Selburst Park, the police originally requested a morning start, but now the game will have a 3pm kick-off. John Pearson could find himself in Charlton's attack after coming on as a substitute in the 5-0 Sunday win over Manchester City. Lennie Lawrence, the manager, must also decide whether to recall defender Steve Thompson, fit again, or retain Andy Peake.

• Leicester City with only one win in their last 12 league games, are set to recall their winger, Steve Lynex, from Bir-mingham where he has been on loan for the past two months because they have five regular first team players under

Lynex could line up for Leicester at West Ham on New Year's Day where they will definitely be without their cen-tral defender, Russell Osman, who received a hamstring injury in the Boxing Day draw with Arsenal. Walsh (groin strain) and Sealy (knee) are also

## **FOOTBALL**

# **Hughes goal keeps** Barcelona on top

Mark Hughes, the Welsh international player, scored the goal which ensured that Barcelona begin 1987 two points clear at the top of the Spanish league their points after a first half deadlack. at the top of the Spanish league championship. The Catalonians won 1-0 at Cadiz on Sunday, and have taken 30 points from their 20 matches this season.
Hughes ended a personal
goal-drought which has lasted
for two months with a header in

the 49th minute. Barcelona relaxed after he scored, and the home side, although unable to match the technical excellence of the leaders, fought hard but to no avail for an equaliser at the Real Madrid, the champions stayed in second place after scraping to a point in their 2-2 draw with fifth-placed Sporting

Gijon
Real, playing before 95,000
spectators at the Bernabeu stadium, scored first through Sanforward, in the 12th minute. He is now the leading scorer in the league this season, with 18 goals.
But Eloya equalised for Gijon
before half-time, and three
minutes after the interval,
Abianedo sent the visitors 2-l ahead from a swift counter-attack. With the pressure on them, Real managed to save face, and a point, in the 82nd minute, when their other Latin American import, the Argentine

the net. Español, of Barcelona, maintained their unbeaten home record with a 3-1 win over Las **OVERSEAS RESULTS** 

GREEK: Panionios 1, Olympiatos 3: AEK Athens 0, OFI Irakilon 1; Kalamaria 1, Irakis 3: Ethnikos 0, Parathinaikos 1; Lanssa 1, Diagoras 0; Doxa 0, Apolion 0; Ylannina 0, Aris Salonika 0, Postponed: PACK Saloniko v Veria. Leading positione: 1, Olympiatos, played 12, points 20: 2, OFI, 12, 17; 3, PACK Salonika, 11, 16.

Valdano, chested a cross into

16. AGUE OF IRELAND: Preciser division: LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Preciser division: St Patrick's Athletis 1, Home Farm 1; Cork City 3, Athlone Town 1; Limerick City 1, Bray Wanderers 3: Sigo Rovers 2, Galway Utd 1; Bundalis 1, Waterford Utd 2: Bohemiens 1, Sharmock Rovers 1, Leading positions: 1, Sharmock Rovers, 11, 19: 2, Waterford Utd, 11, 18: 3, Bohemiens, 11, 16.
PORTUGUESE: Benfice 2, Brage 1; Visoria Guimaraes 3, Sporting 1: Elvas 0, Porto 2; Chawes 1, Belenenses 0; Salgueiros 2, Academica 1: Rio Ave 1, Portmonense 1;

Farense 1, Varzim 2; Maritimo 2, Boavista 2. Laeding positions: 1, Porto, 15, 25; 2, Benfica, 15, 25; 3, Guimares, 14, 24. SPAMSH: Real Mailorca 3, Racing 1; Cacitz 0, Barcelona 1; Sabadel 3, Osasuna Pampiona 1; Ashetir Bibao 0, Real Betes 0; Real Valladolid 1, Real Ziragoza 1; Real Macria 2; Sporting Billion 2; Español 3, Las Palmas 1; Real Musca 2; Altétro Madrid 1; Seville 1, Real Sociedad 1, Laeding positions: 1, Barcalona, 20, 1, Laeding positions: 1, Barcalona, 20, 1 1. Leading positions: 1. Barcelona, 20, 30; 2, Real Madrid, 20, 28; 3, Español, 20, 26.

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Turpitish: Sariyerspor 8, Botu 0; Besiktas 2, Bursaspor 2; Trebzonspor 5, Drysrbator 1; Eslosehirspor 1, Galataseray 1; Ankaragucu 0, Semsunspor 1; Antalya 2, Gendsrbring 2; Kocaelispor 0; Rizespor 0, Maletyaspor 1, Leeding poetitons: 1, Gelataseray, 18, 27; 2, Samsunspor, 18, 26; 3, Besiktas, 18, 25.

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# as England selectors are kept waiting

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

that Paul Rendall will be able

to prop for the Rest, after making headway with a ham-

string injury which prevented

him appearing for the Barbar-

ians at the weekend. It re-

mains to be seen whether Stuart Barnes will test his

'dead leg' in the New Year's

Day fixture between Bath and

have both indicated a desire to

play, two days before England's trial, though the

remainder of the Bath trialists.

including Richard Hill, the

England captain, seem likely to be unavailable for the club

The absence of so many

players in recent weeks -

Leeds, where he is a teacher.

and may be ready for first-

Turner on

brink of

season, is frustrated at being ignored after showing brilliant form throughout the season.

"I don't seem to have any chance of getting into the senior

Weish squad and I would grab the chance of an England place,"

he said yesterday.
Turner's grandparents come

approached two seasons ago as

his selection. Whether this would rule him

out of consideration for England

is being investigated, but the Welsh rugby union assistant secretary, Brian Kempson, said:

"My view is that as he has not yet been a full member of a senior squad he is free to please himself."

to his avilability for Eng tour of South Africa but his presence in the Wales B squad for their tour of Spain prevented

Barnes and Gareth Chilcott

Cardiff at the Arms Park.

It is the time of year when players, particularly those the game — he has now scored with international aspirations, eight from four holiday games start feeling those twinges with Nottingham - Oti may which suggest that trial matches may not be such a be said to have had the better of the overall exchange in good idea. Scotland's trial sides for Murrayfield this what was described as a good, spirited encounter during which Rugby held Notting-Saturday will be announced this morning, while England's ham scoreless for the better selectors will await a series of part of an hour. Coventry, who have not lost casualty reports during the week to see whether their to Nottingham at Coundon chosen XVs for Twickenham Road since the war, will have David Kennell making his

the same day remain intact. For England the situation at debut on the wing. The former lock forward has improved to Warwick schoolboy is now at a degree since Maurice Colclough, who missed two of Bradford University and has been chosen for the English the three divisional games because of glandular trouble, Universities team to play Irish Universities in Cork next

Risk of injury depletes Bath Bath's 11 players in the England trial have pulled out of their club's visit to Cardiff

on New Year's Day. The Cardiff match takes place just 48 hours before the trial and the Bath players, headed by their captain, Richard Hill, have decided not to risk injury. Their team secretary, David Lamb said yesterday: "We can fully understand them putting their country first and we have not put any pressure on them."

played for Swansea on Saturday. Nigel Redman, however, is on tenterhooks, wondering whether his bruised knee ligaments will

among them Damien Cronin, permit him to play. Redman missed Bath's narthe young lock who played for the Anglo-Scots at the weekrow win over Northampton. end - has given Bath the as did Simon Halliday, who chance to bring in some recent withdrew with a bruised recruits, including two in-teresting backs: Alan Buzza, shoulder but should be able to take his place at centre for the the Cornishman who is study-England XV. Should Redman miss the trial, Colclough will ing at Loughborough University and who made his debut presumably be promoted to at centre against Northamp-the senior side and David ton, and Audley Lumsden ton, and Audley Lumsden Cusani is likely to come in. from Reading, last season's England Colts' full back. The other replacement lock, Neil Mantell, has withdrawn Lumsden, a fast and powerful as has John Goodwin, the player who could do duty Moseley wing, who was also equally well on the wing, is a among the travelling student at Bath University.

Two of the North's capped locks. Steve Bainbridge and Wade Dooley, are still hindered by injury, Bainbridge to the extent that he withdrew from Fylde's weekend game in 1984. After a knee operaafter being chosen to play.

Mantell is rested from the plagued with illness and has

Nottingham side to play Cov- not appeared for the club yet. entry this afternoon, as are But recently he has played a Chris Oti, the Rest's left wing. Oti went to hospital for a precautionary X-ray after receiving a kick on the jaw time as Paul Dodge, the during his club's game against Rugby on Saturday, but no damage was discernible.

Since he went on to score fortnight. Welsh cup

# seeding row is over 'defecting'

The year-and-a-half-long row over clubs' seeding in the Schweppes Cup between the 15 Whitbread Welsh Merit Table clubs and the Welsh Rugby Union is over.

Ray Williams, secretary of the WRU, said in Cardiff yesterday: "After discussions with repre-sentatives of the merit table clubs on the future structure of the Schweppes Cup com-petition, a new formula related to seeded clubs and exempted clubs has been agreed. There are some details to be

clarified "
The dispute centred on the proposed scrapping of the present system, under which the 12 seeded clubs are decided on the basis of cup results over the past five years.
The WRU wanted to make

the last 16 in one year's com-petition the seeded clubs for the following season's event, and the merit table clubs, claiming the WRU had gone back on their word, threatened at one stage to boycott the competition

**TENNIS** 

## ATP still searching for perfect head director

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Professionals, the men's tennis 'players' union', who have been vithout an executive director since August, are unlikely to appoint a successor to Mike Davies until the end of February at the earliest. The next meeting of the ATP board of directors will be held during the Lipton International Players Cham-pionships in Miami, from Febnuary 23 to March 8.

The ATP have had four executive directors: Jack Kramer from 1972-75, Bob Briner from 1975-80, Butch Buchholz from 1980-82 and Davies from 1983 to last August, when his contract was terminated. Since then the acting executive director has been Ron Bookman,

Davies's former deputy. Bookman said yesterday that the experienced head-hunting firm employed by the ATP to find the man most likely to meet their strict requirements was collecting and collating informa-tion on applicants for the job

The Association of Tennis and was also looking beyond

"I don't think there is any rush," Bookman said. "The board want to find the perfect person for the job."
The ATP executive director

among the most powerful fig-ures in men's professional ten-nis and the year ahead is likely to be particularly challenging. In 1982 the ATP, offered tempting financial incentives, agreed that, from 1983 to 1987 inclusive. they would work in harness with the governing council of the Grand Prix circuit - rather than play a neutral role in the rivalry between the Grand Prix and the World Championship

Tennis circuit. But within the ranks of the ATP there has always been a strong movement towards an independent, neutral players union - if ever the ATP could afford it. During the coming year they will re-examine their allegiance with the Grand Prix

Clinics with a difference for the Rugby Union hopefuls

Mixed fortunes Big names bring the youngsters into line



Showing the way: Andy Ripley puts young players through their paces at David Barclay's clinic in Sevenoaks, Kent

Proclaiming it "a big rescue act for rugby," the Rosslyn Park coach has launched a off the ground. His fellow-Springbok, Anton Barnard, scheme that has as its ambitious object the reinvigorawas showing front-row forwards how to bind and shove, keeping backs straight and binding within the complex tion of rugby among the country's youth. His first "international rugby clinic," rules that are a mystery to held at Sevennaks, Kent, on Sunday, offered a blitzkrieg style of coaching — modelled on those in South Africa — by most schools' coaches. A fierce competitive spirit was also being instilled for the matches that were to follow: "Are we some big names in the game. While Andy Ripley handled some of the forwards, teaching going to win?" Barnard roared "Yeh, yeh, yeh," they roared

them how to break, burst and turn for the maul, Alistair McHarg, the London Scottish coach and Scotland lock, was drilling them in the skills of lineout play and scrummaging.

Garth Wright, the Spring-

broiled in controversy over

their inclusion in the Rossiyn Park team against Wasps. But these are sideshows in

comparison with his latest

bok scrum-half was teaching Timothy Clark, aged 11, and another budding half-back, the art of torpedo and dive-

you get to see the internationals." Steven Sales, also 12, added: "It's something to get you away from your relatives."

"I didn't realise it would be such good fun," exclaimed Andy Ripley as, like a latterday Pied Piper, he led a troop of panting, sweating, chatter-ing, exhilarated boys off the field for a calorific snack of lunchtime chocolate bars and orangeade. And Dick Best, the Harlequins coach, was equally ebullient. "There's tremendons enthusiasm. The beauty is you can see the improvements immediately when you are dealing with kids not

Neither Ripley nor Best had ever coached children be-fore — indeed Ripley mainof famous people. "I like it," fore — indeed Ripley main-James, aged 12, said. "It tains no-one has ever asked said George Crawford, a lead-keeps us off the streets and him to. And that in itself is an ing referee and Surrey exec-where rugby is not offered, and

indictment of a system which, according to many of those present, has failed to garner the talents of ex-internationals to the service of a game they

"I admit I am too lazy and full of intertia to organise something myself," Ripley said, "but now someone's got me in on the act, I intend to go down to my local club, East coaching with the youngsters." Not even Barclay is rash

enough to suggest that such clinics will reverse the tide that is flowing against rugby in schools. But, he maintains, drastic action is vital. And mini-rugby, played on small fields with small scrums, is not

utive committee member, "is at some schools rugby is dying to give them some taste of real ragby and the 'professional' approach to playing and coaching it. We hope it will aspire them, their parents and

Crawford, who has refereed numerous schools matches this year, says he fears parents are withdrawing their children from the sport because of its on television and in the media.

their local coaches to follow

The "yawning gap" between mini-rugby and the teams for 18-year-olds was stressed by Peter Hant, the Sevenoaks administrator. "Up till 12 years they are terribly keen and enthusiastic," he said. But when they leave mini-

the 1960s and 1970s when there

were only 30 clubs. The number of

amateur clubs more than doubled in

the decade from 1972/3 (150) to 1982/3 (405) with a total member-

ship of 21,700 players. In 1983 BARLA estimated the rate of

growth at about 100 teams each

Hence the reason for rugby union

to improve its shop window, in the

way that the technical adminis-

trators in the four divisions have

been trying to do. But because there

areas they can only hope to scratch

the surface; too much of their time

is taken by travelling on motorways.

There is no doubt that constituent

out. Teachers are not available to coach them any more." Hunt and Crawford both

urged a much more aggressive drive by the rugby authorities to market the game to appeal to vouth. There are plans for bigger clinics in April, involving cur-

rent and past internationals, as well as leading coaches, in the West and the Midlands. The North would also follow. depending on whether or not Barclay runs out of money and

energy.

Meanwhile, at least one convert has been made. Liam Walker, aged 11, had never played the game before until Sunday. "It was pretty brilliant," he said afterwards, and a new prop forward in-tends to foresake football for

# Time for entrepreneurs to halt slide in appeal rugby league has seen a healthy increase after the static position of

It was a coincidence that, earlier this month, two north westerners should voice essentially the same plea on the same day regarding the development of rugby union: the first was John Dewhurst, secretary Another more experienced of the Lancashire Schools Rugby player on his way back is Steve Burnhill, the Leicester and Union, the second Brian Riley, a Yorkshire centre who toured Liverpool referee who gave an in South Africa with England outstanding speech at the annual dinner of the London Referees' Society.

The core of their comments. considering the constant opposition provided in the north by amateur must sell itself if it is to survive the challenge not only of rugby league, but American Football. They were class rugby at much the same echoing a comment made by the Rugby Football Union seven years former England captain, whose broken finger should ago, that "a professional business have healed within the next approach is needed if we are to preserve the essentially amateur playing nature of the game."

That approach received a higher profile this month when the RFU organized a conference for physical education advisers and gave an indication that the union was aware of changing scholastic and social structures. The RFU also tacitly Welsh rugby's top scorer, the Newport outside half, Paul Turner, is casting his eyes towards England for the elusive international cap. Turner, with 230 points to his credit this admitted the fragmented nature of their efforts to develop the game

throughout the country. That is the point that Mr Dewhurst, a first-class player with Loughborough College and Fylde. who has run rugby at Rossall School for the last 10 years, takes up. Rugby union in Lancashire has contracted at schools level over the last few years for a variety of reasons: the the load back on the shoulders of the independent schools; the withdrawal of local authority grants; declining interest among boys

back with clenched fist

The children all enthused

without prompting, mainly explaining that they had not

known most of the rules and

techniques they had just been

taught. Most said they had

been induced to come because

they would be under the wings

The vacuum created, he argues, has to be filled by rugby's own efforts." I have been pushing for a central office for the Lancasbire area where you have a shop window for the development of the game, run by paid staff, entrepreneurs but sympathetic to the game, a secretary who can collate matters, correspond with clubs, referees, fixture banks. utes of meetings at schools, colts and club level.

"In that way you take away your diligent, hard-working people in their own little vacuum and bring things together. The game has survived so far on small bodies of absolutely devoted people who approach things in an amateur way. But the game is going professional with a small 'p' and that approach will not suffice much longer.

"I don't imagine the RFU could fund this so we come back to a sponsor, say, a computer company whose equipment would be used in the office - and who, possibly, might be attracted by the thought of similar offices being established in other parts of the country – and affiliation fees of, say, £100 from each club. The clubs would grumble, but a greal deal of work would be taken out of their hands because a computerised central office would handle much of the week-to-week running of the game in their area."

The amount of work devolving upon clubs has increased dramatically anyway with the decline of rugby coaching in schools. But not all clubs are sufficiently well-blessed with either facilities or expertise, the expertise necessary to teach the game to boys as opposed to coaching young men.

At the same time, clubs are enthusiastically entering a league structure which will place greater demands upon their financial resources in travelling and preparation of their lower sides. All the while rugby union administrators in re uncomfortably aware of the strides being made by the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) whose development office in Manchester does a wonderful job for their game. In some ways it is a game for the 1980s, in the same way that fast-food businesses have developed during the same time.

It offers instant action as opposed to the more deliberate build-up of rugby union which offers attractions of a broader nature and accomodates greater physical dif-ferences. BARLA have taken their game into schools, using in some instances teachers who may have taken early retirement, but who only need a video and a handbook to visit schools as a lecturer. There is no reason for rugby union not to do the same, if only there is an organizing agency to prepare such people and pay them for their time. The Sports Council's Digest of Sports Statistics for the UK says that

in recent years the "popularity of

bodies all over England, and in the other home countries, are aware of the problem. The Scottish Rugby Union estimate that the game is played regularly by 5,500 school-boys aged between 12 and 18, as opposed to previous estimates of 15,000, which the union rightly

**ATHLETICS** 

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describe as a " critical problem." The SRU spent £12,000 last season in grants to clubs running rugby for ages 12 to 16 and reckon that more will be required this season. They have also appointed a youth development officer for Glas-gow and, after judging the results of his first season's work, the likelihood is that more such paid officers - themselves still playing the game - will be considered.

The Rugby Football Schools Union conference at Heythrop Park

scope for joint use with schools of club facilities which are rarely used for as much as 12 hours a week. "Funds are already available for technical administrators on a local or part-time basis." the conference report concluded. "County liaison officers between clubs and schools are needed and must be funded from this source.

"Grants for further education courses will mean that rugby players, not necessarily schoolmasters, will receive remuneration for part or full-time services and schools of sport will be an established part of the scene." (Nobody at the conference objected in principle to teachers being paid for coaching the game out of school).

Such reports confirm the RFU's awareness of the enormity of the problem and there have been preliminary discussions with the Sports Council about the funding of extra staff. The eternal problems remain time and resources spread among 27 constituent bodies, a number which breaks down the limited financial help which the RFU's youth development trust fund has available.

But the final point from the RFSU conference was: "The whole pattern of the introduction of the game to young players is likely to undergo drastic changes in coming decades and maybe within five years." Rugby union, at central and local level, probably with commercial help, must learn to cope with those changes.

Campbell Conference

# MOTOR RALLYING



Out for Africa: Ari Vatanen (left), the Finnish rally-driver, and his Italian rival, Andrea Zanussi, (right), preparing for the Paris-to-Dakar rally, which starts on January 1

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

#### Rule book trips up Bishop's hopes By Keith Macklin

Paul Bishop, the Warrington plinary meeting is today. As a scrum half, has suffered a blow result, Bishop's case will not be to his hopes of playing in the John Player Special Trophy final against Wigan at Burnden Park a week on Saturday. He learned yesterday that a Rugby League bye-law prevented play-ers appearing before disci-plinary committees until three clear days had elapsed between the sending-off offence and the

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result, Bishop's case will not be heard until January 8, two days before the final and a one-match suspension will be enough to keep the player out of the final. This is a cruel blow for

Bishop," the Warrington coach, Tony Barrow, said. "If he had been suspended for two games or less at the Tuesday meeting, he would have been free for the final. If he is banned I shall play committee meeting.

Bishop was sent off in the semi-final against Widnes on Saturday and the first disci
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for Warrington, Kevin Tamati,

their New Zealand hooker, returns after a two-match suspension to play in the John Player final rehearsal, the championship game at Wigan on New

Milton Huddart, the Leigh second row forward, is not available to play in the match against Salford on the same day because of a freak mishap. Huddart was scalded by steam and hot water while trying to repair a damaged radiator on his car at the weekend.

#### FOR THE RECORD

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#### **SNOW REPORTS**

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Central Division

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snow, vertical runs, 1200ft; hat roads, clear; main roads, clear; anow level, 2400ft. Lecht: upper runs, some runs complete, hard-packed snow with rey patches; middle runs, runs complete, hard-packed snow with rey patches; lower stopes, ample nursery areas, hard-packed snow with rey patches; lower stopes, ample nursery areas, hard-packed snow with rey patches; vertical runs, 700ft; hit roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow layer, 2000ft. Forecast for string areas for today; cloudy with snow furning to rain during the morning in western areas and perhaps in eastern areas late in day; freezing lovel, 2000ft rising to 5000ft from west, strong south-eastery-vising schanging to south-westerly vising schanging to

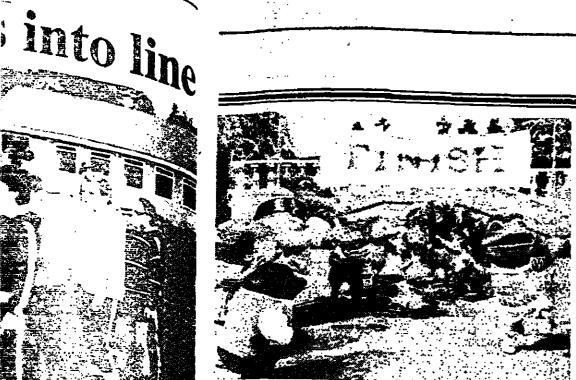
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MIAM: Orange Bowl junior tournament: Boya under-18: Quanta-finale: J Sanchez (Sp) to M Jensen (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; T Carbonali (Sp) by N Marquez (Port), 6-0, 6-1; R Hass (WG) by O Camporese (t), 6-1, 6-3; A Parker (US) by T Nydati (Swe), 6-2, 0-6, 6-2; Semi-finale: Nydati (Swe), 6-2, 0-6, 6-2; Semi-finale: Sanchez br Hass, 6-3, 7-5; Parker by Carbonal, 6-4, 6-4. Boya under-18: Semi-finale: A Cherkson (USSR) by P Dogger (Neth), 6-4, 6-5; J Courter (US) by J Owent (Sp), 6-0, 6-3; Final: Courter bt Cherkson, 7-5; 6-6-3; Final: Courter bt Cherkson, 7-5; 6-6-3; Final: Courter bt Cherkson, 6-7-4; Grits under-18: Quarren-finale: P Tarabni (Arg) bt Tarn Whetinger (US), 7-5, 6-2; 6-3; Webster (Lug) by R Zrubstone (Cz), 4-6, 6-2; Semi-finale: A Dechaume (Fr) by S by A Def (Tors) (I), 8-2, 7-5; Finale Dochaume (Lis), 7-5; 4-8, 6-3; L Spadee (US) at A Def (Tors) (I), 8-2, 7-5; Finale Dochaume (SE), 7-6, 6-4; Finale Culterns (Culterns (C

## TELEVISION AND RADIO

The Battle of Rose Cottage

**Edited by Peter Dear** and Peter Davalle



Jubilant Mr Toad at the finishing post: a new series of The Wind in the Willows begins today (on ITV, 4.20pm)

● Tonight, we get a reply to the rhetorical question Whose House Is It Anyway? (BBC2, 5.15pm) that has been tucked away in my subconsciousness (and, I suspect, many another viewer's, 100) ever since BBC TV first put out this anti-authoritarian documentary about the Barnsley brothers, Billy and Gordon Howard, who staged a Yorkshire version of Custer's Last Stand. When last seen, the defiant twosome were still threatening to do unmentionable things to any bailiff who attempted to oust them from the ramsbackle world they dignified with the name Rose Cottage.In tonight's updated version of the documentary, we learn whether their defiance paid off. Other recommended non-

CHOICE

Review of the Year (ITV, 11.00pm) in which, not surprisingly, the siege of *The Times* at Wapping rates a mention; Jack Rosenthal's 1972 comedy Another Sunday and Sweet F.A. (Channel 4, 10.00pm) which shows us what Anne Kirkbride, Coronation Street's Deirdre Barlow, looked like when she made her television debut; and The West that Never Was (BBC2, 2.40pm), Tony Thomas's long overdue tribute to those budget-conscious B-Westerns that were often far better than the expensive films they

On the movie front, indepen-dent television offers little to get excited about. All the goodies are

on BBC TV, what with Brief Encounter (BBC2, 3.50pm) about which I refuse to listen to anything even remotely dismissive; Minnelli's Brigadoon (BBC2, 11.55am) which is not, however, a patch on his An American in Paris which BBC 2 will screen tomorrow; Blazing Saddles (BBC2, 9.00pm), Mel Brooks's raspberry blowing western (I am tempted to call a spade a spade, but wiser counsels have prevailed); and Forbidden Planet (BBC1, 11.45pm) which is both great fun and a remarkable technical achievement, and I advise you not to worry your head too much looking for parallels with Shakespeare's The Tempest.

Radio choice: Derek Parker's control of Total Calbin (Parking A.) portrait of Tito Gobbi (Radio 4, 2.00pm). Peter Davalle



Billy and Gordon Howard, the fighting brothers in Whose House it Anyway? (BBC2, 5.15pm)

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weather.
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9.15 Dungeons and Dragons. (r) 9.35 Why Don't You.? Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters.
News and weather 10.05 Neighbours (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. Programme details from Phillip Schofield 10.30 Play School. (r) 10.50

Willo the Wisp. (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Peter
Barkworth with a thought for
the day 11.00 News and
weather 11.05 The Dukes of Hazzard. Bo and Luke come to the aid of Deputy Enos when he is accused of a bank raid 11.55 Open Air. Programme makers meet their critics 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip

Hayton. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Weekday soap set in a Melbourne suburb 1.50 Pigeon Street. (r) 2.05 Film: The Land That Time Forgot (1974) starring Doug McClure, John McEnery, and Susan Penhaligon, An

adventure yarn based on the novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs about the British crew of a German U-boat they have commandeered who discover a mysterious and uncharted island. Directed by Kevin

island. Directed by Kevin Connor.

3.30 Tom and Jerry (r) 3.50 Pantotimel Brian Cant's version of Mother Goose 4.05 The All New Popeye Show 4.25 Jonny Briggs 4.40 The Reality Wild Show. The first of a new series of nature programmes, presented by Terry Nutkins, Nick Davies, and Cturis Packham.

5.10 Grange Hill. Drama serial about the pupils and staff of a comprehensive school. (r) (Ceefax) 5.35 it's Not Just Zammo It's Not Just Zammo
presented by John Craven and
Nick Ross. A drug-alert
programme based on the
Grange Hill character who had
a serious drug problem. (r)
(Caefay)

(Ceefax) 5.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.
7.00 No Place Like Home. Arthur decides he will not finance his down-at-heet children and their friends this Christmas and suggests they make do with simple food and no presents.

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EastEnders. With Lou and
Arthur both unwell, Pauline has
a double headache; and Pat
has some advice for Angie. (Ceefax)
8.00 Morecembe and Wise

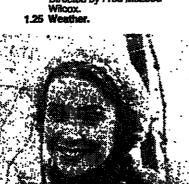
Classics introduced by Emie Wise. Highlights from the comic duo's Christmas shows. 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia

Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Play: Mr and Mrs Edgehill, starring lan Holm and Judi Dench. A Noel Coward play about a born loser and his loyal

wife. (r) 11.05 Films of the Year. Barry Norman reflects on the year's output and picks his ten favourite films.

11.45 Film: Forbidden Planet (1956) starring Walter Pidgeon and Anne Francis, Set in AD2200, this science-fiction landmark, loosely based on The Tempest, is the story of the crew of a space cruiser which lands on a planet inhabited by the mysterious Dr Morbius, his daughter, and their robot. Directed by Fred McLeod



Clare Sutcliffe and (right) Anne Kirkbride in Another Sunday and Sweet FA (C4, 10.00pm)

movie attractions tonight: ITN's BBC 2

9,00 Ceefer.

10.40 Herold Lloyd\*. Excerpts from the comedian's Millionaire, and the 1925-made. The Freshman. (r)

11.05 Blezing Paddles. A World About Us documentary about the Great Hawaiian Cance Face. (r)

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11.55 Film: Brigadoon (1954)
starring Gene Kelly, Van
Johnson, and Cyd Charlese. A
Lemer and Loewe musical
about two American bourists,

grouse shooting in Scotland, who become lost on the misty moors and discover an unusual viltage. Directed by Vincente Minnelli.

1.40 Little Nebza Fights Great Dregon Kings. An animated version of an old Chinese least of the control of the cont

legend. (r) 2.40 The West That Never Was. A tribute to the stars of the B-Westerns.

3.40 News, regional news, and weather. 3.50 Film: Brief Encounter\* (1945) Traver Howard. A sympathetic version of Noel Coward's play, Still Life, about a happily married woman whose life changes when she meets a married man and they have an

affair. Directed by David Lean, (Ceefax)
5.15 Whose House is it Anyway?
The story of old-age pensioner brothers, Billy and Gordon Howard, and their battles with Barnsley Council over a computerry purchase order on the cottage where they live. An up-dated version of an earlier

6.00 Star Trek. Captain Kirk and the crew of the USS Enterprise in

crew of the USS Enterprise in another space adventure. (r)
6.50 The Romance of Betty Boop.
The animated screen siren makes a re-appearance. With the voice of Desiree Goyette.
7.15 Ski-Jumping from Oberstdorf, West Germany.
7.45 Great Sporting Moments. Ian Botham's second knock in the

1981 Headingley Test against 8.10 Son of a Gun. A documentary, including offerings from Hollywood, about Sam Colt, the designer of the Colt revolver, which helped to make

9.00 Film: Blazing Saddles (1974) starring Gene Wilder, Cleaven Little, Mel Brooks, and Madeline Kahn. A spoof Western about a black sheriff who saves his town from the clutches of a crooked speculator. Directed by Mel Brooks. (Cestax)

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10.30 MicCartney. An extended version of the film about Paul McCartney, including footage of Wings in concert and previously unseen film of the Beatles at work in the Abbey Road studios.

11.30 Classic Ghoet Stories. The Rose Garden, by M.R.James, read by Robert Powell.

11.45 Westher.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-em: Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.90, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; Jeni Barnet's postbag at 8.25. Timmy Mailett introduces Wacaday at 9.05.

Thames news headlines Thames news headlines followed by BMX Seat international, introduced by Gaz Top and Andy Ruffell from the Sands Centre, Carlisle. Day two of the Cherry Coca Cola Freestyle Championships. 9.50 Mente Carlo Circus. Award-wineled acts from the 11th winning acts from the 11th international Circus Festiva held in Monte Carlo last nead in Mortee Cand last December. The acts include the Contortionists of Mongolle; the Liberty Horses of Yasmine Smart; and the Flying

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Fitm: The Lest Warhorse
(1986) starring Graham Dow
and Ritchle Singer. The story
of an old scrap-metal dealer and his grandchildren whose prime site Sydney waterfront property is threatened by a Japanese developer who wants to build an hotel on the adjoining site. Directed by Robert Meillon. 12.30 The

News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Themes news. Film: Beyond the Possion 1.30 Adventure (1979) starring Michael Caine, Sally Field, Telly Savalas, and Peter Boyle. Two days after a freak wave causes the passenger liner Poseidon to capsize, a salvage tug arrives, closely followed by tag arrives, observed the way a boat carrying a medical team. The tag master is after the contents of the purser's safe white the leader of the medical team is a gun-runner. Directed by Irwin Alien. 3.40 Thames never beartines.

news headlines. The Young Doctors, 4.15 Daffy Duck, Cartoon, 4.20 The Wind

adventure narrated by lan Carmichael. 4.45 Dramaram Frankie's Hat, by Jan Mark. The story of a girl who pays a visit to her married sister. Starring Zoe Nathenson and Vicky Murdock. (Oracle) 5.15 Blockbusters.

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5.45 News with Alastair Stewart
6.00 Thames News
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Name That Tune Special with Lionel Blair, Maggie Moone, Faith Brown and Joe Brown.

The guest contestants are Brian Day and Barbara Westerman.
7.30 George and Mildred. Comedy series starring Yootha Joyce and Brian Murphy as a warring couple, tonight recovering from Christmas and preparing for

Christmas and preparing for the New Year. (r)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests are Etaine Paige, Julie Walters, Paul Nicholas, Jimmy Cricket, and via satellite, Paul Hogan.

9.00 Film: Best Friends (1982) staming Burt Reynolds, Goldie Hawn, Jessica Tandy, and Barnard Hughes. A lighthearted tale of Richard and Paula, two Hollywood scriptwriters who have been living together for years. They decide to buy a house, an decide to buy a house, an event that prompts Richard to suggest that they marry. Paula is rejuctant but eventually is rejuctant but eventually agrees as long as the marriage is kept a secret. Directed by

Norman Jewison. 10.45 News with Sandy Gall. Followed by Themes news headlines. 11.00 86: Review of the Year. ITN's

review of the year's big news stories, presented by Michael Nicholson.

12.00 Black Onyx. Laughter with music featuring one of the country's leading comedy

show groups.

12.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents:
Enough Rope for Two. A
camping trip takes a deadly



Paula Wilcox and Richard Beckinsale in The Lovers, repeated on Channel 4 tonight at 9.00pm

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Women's and Seniors' Gotf from the NCR Country Club, from the NCR Country Club,
Kettering, Ohio. The men's
competition features Gary
Player, Arnold Palmer, Peter
Thompson, Bob Charles, and
Chi Chi Rodrigues.

1.90 Highlights of the 1985 Tour de
France, Introduced by Phil
Licott and Paul Shansen

rrance, introduced by Phil Liggett and Paul Sherwen. 2.00 Film: A-Haunting We Will Go (1942) starring Laurel and Hardy. Starr and Oily are hired to deliver a coffin but rately. Start and Only are three to deliver a coffin but unfortunately they become involved with a magician when the box becomes mixed up in

the man's props. Directed by Altred Werker.
3.15 Film: Munster Go Home (1966) starring Fred Gwynne and Yvonne De Carlo. The spooky adventures of Herman who has inherited an English country estate from his uncle. Directed by Earl Bellamy. 5.00 The Chart Show: Christing

Special. The top videos of 1986. 6.25 Hannibal's Footsteps. In part two of his four-stage meander Bernard Levin is in the Rhone Valley where he pays a brief visit to Avignon; enjoys Chateauneut-du-Pape; listens to a performance of Don Carlos in the Roman amphitheatre in Orange; celebrates Bastille Day in the village square of Tuletts; and spends the night at a Trappist monastry at D'Alguebelle.

(Oracle) (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins.
8.00 Brookside. Billy decides to put the electricity back on; Sheila persuades Karen to make the break and go to London; and Gail catches Damon chatting-

up Debbie. Starmaker. Programmes from the 60s and 70s that were the Palin, the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, and Captain Fantastic. 9.00 The Lovers, starring Richard Beckinsale and Paul Wilcox.

Comedy about two young people, he trying to get into her bed, she trying to get him to 9.30 New Faces, New Stars. 9.30 New Faces, New Stars.
Among those appearing in this edition of the talent show are Patti Boulaye, Marti Calne, Les Dennis and Lenny Henry.

10.00 Another Sunday and Sweet FA, by Jack Rosenthal A comercy and Sunday

10.00 Another Sunday and Swee
FA, by Jack Rosenthal. A
comedy about a Sunday
morning football match,
starring Fred Feast, Joe
Gladwin, and David Swift.
Directed by Michael Apted
11.00 Film: Koyannisqetsi (1983)
silent celebration of
contemporary life in the Lin contemporarion or contemporary life in the United States, featuring breathtaking landscapes and cityscapes. Directed by Godfrey Reggio. Ends at 12.35.

Summary 8.30 Car's Whiskers:

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wife. 11.00 News; Travel; Emma (s)

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Part 6
12.00 News; Classic Features:
The 38th Parallel. Rene
Cutforth presents a
dramatized portrait of

the war in Korea. 12.27 News Quiz of the Year.

Richard Ingrems and David Taylor are joined by guests (s) 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers, 1.55

VARIATIONS

BBC 1 WALES 6.35pm-7.00 Wates To-day, 1.25-1.30 News and weather, SCOTLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scot-land, Northerni IRELAND 6.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster, 6.35-7.00 it's Not Just Zamono, 7.00-7.30 Gille, 1.25am-1.30 News and weather, ENGLANDS.35pm-7.00 Regional news

ANGLIA As London except: 12.3ptg-1.00 Look Who's Talking 1.20-1.30 News .15-5.45 Diff pent Strokes 8.00-8.35 About Anglia 12.30am Tuesday, Topic, Closedown

BORDER As London except: 1,20pm-1,30 News 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.30am Closedown. CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Garder Time 1.20 News 6.00-6.35 News 12.30d Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

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GRANADA As London except:
10.50 Granada Reports fol
lowed by Film: Rockets Galore (Donald
Sinden) 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 3.454.15 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada
Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30 Crossroads 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.30am
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HTV WEST As London except:
1.20pm-1.30 News 6.006.35 News 12.30am Closedown.
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Vicky Murdock (left) and Zoe Nathenson: on ITV, 4.45pm

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Prizewinners 1.20-1.30 News 3.45-4.15 Sons and Daughters 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Britideys 5.20-5.45 Cross-reads 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Televiews 5.30-7.00 Trapsiny View 12.30em Postscript, Closedown.

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and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast
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Radio 3 6.55 On VHF only. Weather 7.00 News 7.05 Concert: Marian Concert: Mariam mairem, Libre Vermell de Montserret, anon (Hesperion Ensemble), Britten (Lachrymae: Kodousek,viole and Novotna, plano), Mozart (Divertimento in F, K 247: Vienna Mozart Ensemble). 8.00 News

8.05 Concert (contd) Holst Concerto in Common (Pavan: Bulman (Pavan: Bream,lute), Dvorak (Piano Concerto in 6 minor:

Moravec/Czech PO). 9.00 (cases La Carabon ou monde), Lambert (Sonata: Gillespie, piano), Walton (movements from Facade suite: with Lambert as narrator, and instrumental Ensemble under the baton of the composer)

10.00 Stephen Bennett (clarinet), Joyce Riddett (piano). Vanhal (Sonata in B flat), Jenner (Sonata Op

5)
10.45 Strauss: Hom Concerto
No 1 (Tuckwell/LSO),
and symphonic poem Also
sprech Zarathustra
(Chicago SO, under the
baton of Sir Georg Solti). 11.35 Simon Shewring: plano recital. Liszt (Harmonies du soir), Chopin (Baliade No 4 in F minor, Op 52), and Brahms Intermazzi (B minor,

12.15 Concert: BBC Scottish
SO (under George
Hurst), with Ernst Kovacic
(violan), Part one, Faure
(Pavane), Lalo (Symphonie
espagnole), 1.00 News
1.05 Concert (contd):

Tchalkovsky (Symphony No 5) Guitar Encores: Leo BWV 995, and Wolfgang Muthspiel's Tonspiel, No 1

2.20 Strings Past and Future: recordings made by gold and silver medallists at the 1985 Queen Elisabeth Violin Competition in Brussels, and string players of earlier nerations. Works

No 1, (with Brussels gold medalist Hu Nai-Yuan), Delius's Caprice and Begy, Egar's Salut d'amour, Egar's Violin Concerto in B minor, (soloist Hu Nai-Yuan) and Wieniawski and Debussy works, Grieg's To Spring (Felly) To Spring (Felix Salmond, collo), and Elgar's Salmond, collo), and Eiger Cello Concerto (Rose and Cleveland Orchestra conducted by Andrew Davis).4.55 News

Davis) 4.55 News

5.00 Interpretations on Record: Stephen Dodgson companies recordings of Mozart's Clarinet Culmet K 581 Stitlen/Tippett Festival: BBC Singers. Britten (Five flower songs, A boy was born, A shepherd's carol and a Hymn to the Virgin, and Choral dances, from Gloriana). Also Tippett's two madrigals.

— The windhover and The source, and The weeping

source, and The weeping 7.30 Love's Secrifice: John Ford's play, written in 1633, in Brett Usher's adaptation. The story of a duke whose wife is falsely accused of infidelity with his triand. The cast includes John Shrapnel, Sian Thomas, Anton Lesser, Tessa Peake-Jones, Karl Johnson and Nick Dunning

Johnson and Nick Dunning
9.30 John Stanley. A
performance of the
dramatic pestoral Arcadia,
The Shepherd's
Wedding, which incorporates
the musician's Organ
Concerto in A, Op 10 No 5,
and the Concerto Grosso
in D, Op 2 No 1. Parley of
instruments Baroque
Orchestra (under Roy
Goodman), with Paul
Nicholson forgan) and
singers Gillian Fisher,
Nancy Argenta, Bronwen
Mills, John Potter, Simon
Davies and Andrew Knight.

10.25 Recorder and Guitar Recorder and Guitar:
John Turner and Neil
Smith in performances of
Michael Berkeley's Pas
de daux, John McCabe's
Desert IV and Vista for
recorder, Lennox Berkele;
Theme and varietions. Theme and variations, for guitar, and Margaret Lucy Wilkins's Aspects of right Besthoven Plano Sonatas: John Liff plays the No 16 in G Op 31 No 1, and the No 30 in E, Op 109

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11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

1.40 The Archers, 1.55
Shipping
2.00 News; Tito Gobbi. A
celebration of one of the
most admired popular
singers, Presented by
Derek Parker. The
contributors include the
singer's wife Tide, (s)
3.00 News; The Afternoon
Play; In Praise of Love,
by Terence Rettigan. With
Anthony Quayle, Muriel
Pavlow and Robert Beauthy.
The story of a wife who
knows she is dying.
4.30 The Natural History
Programme: A took back
at the year's
highlights. Presented by
Fergus Keeling and Lionet
Kelleway.
5.00 PM, News Magazine. Kelleway. 5.00 PM, News Magazine. 5.30 The Fosdyke Saga (a) Radio 4 Christmas Competition. Another chance to hear the clues.



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for 70 years: Johnny Morris recalls his childhood in Wales. 6.30 Paul Temple and the Corrad Case (Part 6). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Goin' Bamboo: Thoughts on the Jepanese on the Japanese

Workman.
7.30 Murder for Christmas: More work for the Undertaker, by Margery Allingham. With Francis Matthews as Albert

Matthews as Albert
Campion.

9.09 Pick of the Year.
Margaret Howard selects
highlights of the year's
programme on BBC TV
and radio (s)

10.00 John Morgan on Heatin.
Reflections on having
cancer and recovering from
it. 10.15 Ghost Story:
The Crowd, by
Ray Bradbury.
10.29 Westher.

11.00 The Financial World
Tonight
11.15 Clara, by Jenyth
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12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping
VHF (Available in England and S Wales only) as above except 1.55-2.00pm

6.00 News 6.15 I've Been Together now FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/208m: VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

# Amid Australia's agony, one-day cricket grinds on

While yesterday was a time made on the players and the with the last Test match for relaxation and rejoicing in excesses that are being visited sandwiched among them. the England camp, the Austra- on the game. The West Indies Cricket is now Border's treadlian team returned to the scene and Pakistan are already of their crushing defeat on Sunday, to try, in their finishing a Test series in manager's words, to remedy Pakistan. They meet today. what we are doing wrong. The England and Australian The warning issued by the teams will be herded some Consumer Affairs Minister in the Victorian State Government concerning "the dancattle before the whips. ger from flying corks from champagne bottles" was more likely to affect Gatting's side

than Border's. "It is a time for shame and a time for change," comforted a leader in the Melbourne Herald on Australia's performance. "The first thing to be said is that wholesale, indiscriminate and messy slaughter is not the long-term solution," Richie Benaud wrote. "The less said about the cricket the better," was the Australian Prime Minister's

contribution. No one, meanwhile, keeps a lower profile in Australian cricketing circles than Kerry Packer and that is not surprising. To use an Australian expression, it was Mr Packer's hijacking of the game here that rooted" it, first by splitting it down the middle when it was flourishing, and then, after coming to an accommodation with the Australian Board, by glorifying and commercializing the one-day game at an appalling cost to the tra-

ditional version. The iamboree which begins nationals, of course) is useful there, just over a month after 2,000 miles across the continent this evening, driven like

More cricket page 23

They are going to Perth to oblige the marketing people, a Packer subsidiary, who have taken over the running of the Australian game and are using it to their own avaricious ends. The firm, PBL, have until 1989, when their contract expires, to reduce Test cricket in Australia to more of a relic than a dream.

Because their overworked and under-talented Test team are doing so badly, young Australia is becoming disenchanted with the more genuine side of the game. Australia's success in the Davis Cup, which coincided with defeat in the Test match on Sunday, is expected to prompt scores of eager recruits to turn from cricket to tennis. Playing cricket for the school is no longer, anyway, the height of a boy's ambition.

The ACB must know all this. Yet when England were here last, early in 1985, Border was already saying that he was in Perth today (one-day inter- sick and tired of one-day cricket. Australia at the time were playing 10 solid weeks of the fierce demands being it. Today he faces another five,

# Imran is facing a fight for fitness

Khan, the Pakistan captain, is Pakistan, is definitely ruled doubtful for today's opening encounter against the West Indies in the one-day tour-nament being played here until January

The brilliant all-rounder has an injured left thigh and bowled at only quarter pace in the nets yesterday, saying that if he played he would bowl at medium pace or not at all.

England and Australia are also competing in the sevenmatch competition which is surrounding yachting's Amer-

The doubt over Imran means Pakistan may go into their touchest match without their two leading bowlers. Abdul Qadir, the leg-spinner and scourge of the West Indian batsmen during the

Tony Lock, at the age of 57

oinner's art, has been enticed

still, arguably, the world's greatest living exponent of the

back to England from his hillside retreat in the sweetly

named Darling Ranges in Western Australia. He has

accepted a professional coach-

ing engagement at Mill Hill School, north London, from

next spring until the end of the

Lock's typically terse reply to

an inquiry from the indepen-

dent school's master-in-charge

"Offer accepted." was

out with a chipped knuckle in his left hand. Despite that, Imran is not

too downhearted, claiming that his two all-rounders, Wasim Akram and Mansoor Elahi, would thrill the Perth crowds. Wasim, he said, is the best player in the world at his age, while for sheer power

Mansoor rivalled Ian Botham. out and whether or not to use OUT 2010 WHELDET OF 110% to use Roger Harper, the off-spinner, Described to the New York of the New York, Dulon, R Harper, M Marshall, M Hokfing, W Benjamin, J Garner, C Waish, T Gray.
PAKISTAN (Trous): 1 Khan (capt), J Miandad, R Raja, S Mohammad, M Nazar, O Omar, M Elahi, E Ahmad, A Multava, S Yousaf, W Akram, S Jaffar, Z Khan, T Ahmad.

By Paul Martin

who met Lock while on a

teacher exchange programme in Perth. "We're thrilled to

have got a great man of

some steel into the lads," he

Though Lock captured

2.844 wickets for England,

Surrey, Leicestershire and

Western Australia, where he

spent his last eight playing years, the left-arm spinner had

been overshadowed by his

of cricket, Roger Denning, England partner, Jim Laker.

cricket, who has proved he is a cricketers in his charge. He

brilliant coach," Denning en-thused. "He will certainly put cratically, dragging them up

mill. Since his first in 1978-79, he has played 137 one-day internationals, a laughable fig-ure if it were not so crazy. By mid-February he could have played 152. Not, for the moment, being masters in their own house,

the Australian Board convey a sense of well-meaning impotence. They will be pleased hough, that their tour to West Indies in the spring of 1988 does not look like materialising. A final decision on this will be made at the Board meeting in Perth on January 6.

The reason is said to be a clash of fixtures. If it were the Australian Board's reluctance to subject a young side to the ruthless intentions of the West Indian fast bowlers in their own conditions, it would be understandable: the point would be a fair one, which the West Indian Board would be wise to take. Whether England are about to be brought down to earth by the West Indians in Perth we shall know when the two sides meet on Saturday.

The Australian selectors, for their part, will be looking for a combination with which to start 1987 on a happier note. A change of captain, though unlikely, would, I think, be beneficial, not least to Border

Australia's present dilemma is not dissimilar to that in 1970-71 when their cricket was also at a low ebb and England were here. For the last Test match then, corresponding to next week's in Sydney, Lawry was replaced as captain by Ian Chappell, a surprising and controversial decision at the time but one which was to lead to a successful era. Lawry had lost five and drawn four of Australia's previous nine Test matches. Owing to the loss of so many experienced players to South Africa, the situation now is, if anything, more

But who is there, as there was Ian Chappell in 1970-71, to revive Australia's fortunes? The likeliest to do so might be For their part the West another South Australian in Indies' only problems sur- David Hookes, an inspiraround a decision on which of tional player generally considcaptains. At 31 he is a good age for the job. He would seem to be the most imaginative option. But the Australian selectors, one of whom is Ian Chappell's brother, Greg, are not currently renowned for their vision. They, too, caught some of yesterday's flak. Mill Hill's offer lures Lock

With his reputation as an

irascible yet scrupulously fair

man, Lock is sure to be a tough taskmaster for the budding

cratically, dragging them up

from their also-ran status to

administered a tougue-lashing

to the young Dennis Lillee.

reat heights by the force of

Mill Hill had also ap-

proached other former top cricketers in Australia and

South Africa.

personality: he even



SPORT

Kiwi Artful Dodger on crash course with veteran Conner

From Barry Pickthall

The final for the America's Cup challenge trials starting in a fortnight, is shaping up to be a battle between Dennis Conner, the American master and Chris Dickson, from New Zealand, whose adolescent cockiness, aged 25, is surpassed only by the continuous winning ways of his 'plastic fantastic' New Zealand IV during this four-month series of races.

Both skippers won the second of their semi-final heats with consummate ease yesterday, Dickson, carrying the pre-start sparring against the French Kiss skipper Marc Pajot right into the spectator fleet to leave Gallic hopes wake from the moment the

gun fired. Conner's start was less inspiring, with Stars and Stripes crossing the pin end of the line a second or so early. The uncharacteristic mistake cost this 12 metre veteran 18 seconds, but Tom Blackaller, his Californian rival, made an even graver error of starting at the unfavoured end of the badly biased line, allowing Conner and his crew to get

back in contention. The San Diego yacht all but clipped the stern of Blackaller's radical twin ruddered USA II and when the two came together once more, Conner, displaying much improved speed in these 10-15 knot winds was firmly in the driving seat. At the first weather mark, Conner's petrol blue hull held a 16sec lead. USA halved the gap on the following run, but with Conner protecting the inside berth at the leeward mark, he dictated the tactics on the next

beat, picking up all the fav-

ourable shifts to extend his Kookaburra II shortly after

lead to a 1:08 margin.

Thereafter, the race, like that between New Zealand and French Kiss, proved to be a boring procession, with Stars and Stripes piling on the pressure on his hapless underfinanced rival to finish a clear three minutes ahead.

The New Zealand win was less impressive, the 'plastic fantastic' taking 90sec longer to complete the 24.5-mile course than the San Diego flag bearer, but as Dickson pointed out afterwards to those wondering if some of the Kiwi magic had washed off, the French had forced the New Zealanders to put in 16 more tacks than the Americans performed.

**DEFENDER TRIALS SERIES D** 

MONDAY: Stars and Stripes bt USA, 3:02; New Zeeland bt French Kiss, 2:40. CHALLENGER STANDINGS

**TODAY'S RACES** DEFENDER TRIALS SERIES D: Kooka-burra IR v Kookaburra II; Australia IV v Stask in' Kohrey. CHALLENGER SERIES SERI-FINALS: Stars and Stripes v USA; New Zesland v French Kiss.

On the defenders course, the power of litigation appears to be taking priority over boatspeed, with Alan Bond's Australia IV crew once again locked in battle with Kookaburra's English sea lawyer, Bryan Willis, who between them were taking issue on seven protests last night. A record? Very probably, but the most important incident was the collision be-

the five-minute gun. Kooka-burra, steered by Peter Gilmour, which proved the easy winner on the course, was able to out-turn the Lexcen design before the start, then came out from under when both were on starboard tack to luff Australia IV hard into wind. Gilmour had every right to push his rival up, but the question the jury must con-sider is whether Colin Beashel made every effort to avoid the

Harold Cudmore, the skipper of beaten White Crusader, now turned commentator on Channel 7TV, suggested that the camara shot taken on board Kookaburra showed Beashel to have Australia's wheel hard over to starboard when the expensive clunk occurred, but then said wrily: But, going before the race jury here in Fremantle is like going to the races!"

Talking of backing losers, the Fischer. Steak 'n' Kidney boss yesterday lost his protest against Kookaburra II on Sunday, and then suggested that Channel 7, who have fitted remote racecameras on both Taskforce 12 metres, suppressed evidence that is not favourable to the Kookaburra team. The television station failed to provide footage of the incident that led to Steak 'n'Kidney's protest, but the Kookaburra syndicate are far from happy at Fischer's

Whatever the outcome of this particular slanging match, Steak'n'Kidney's third loss yesterday in these final round robin trials, this time against Kookaburra III, must halt Fischer's claim that his boat is fastest among the defenders and should be allowed to compete for a place in the defenders finals starting on

SPORT IN BRIEF

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# Hollins says Hazard and Wicks can go

and Mike Hazard that they along Both players asked for down the first division table.

central defender, during the summer but he has played only half a dozen first team games. Hazard, a midfield player, has made only three failure to win a place even during Chelsea's bleakest period proving a puzzle for Stamford Bridge supporters. Since his £300,000 move

from Tottenham Hotspur in

September 1985, Hazard has made 22 League apearances. Both have been out of the first team since Chelsea were crushed 4-0 at home by Wimbledon on December 6. Hollins said: "We haven't had any offers for either player yet." Chelsea ended a run of 10 games without a win at Southampton on Boxing Day and followed that with a 4-1 home triumph over Aston Villa to move off the bottom of the first division.

An age old Managers problem

East Berlin (Reuter) - After decades playing 'ugly sister' to East Germany's world-beating athletes and swimmers, the national foot-ball team are being primed for a share of the limelight by Bernd Stange, their ambitious

"While the athletes and swimmers have swept the world, our football team have never really risen above mediocrity," he said. The effusive Stange, however, has no illusions about the task ahead if East Germany are to develop into a top class team.

Their only high point came in 1974 when qualication for the World Cup finals in West Germany was followed by Magdeburg winning the European Cup Winners' Cup. But that record pales alongside 50 gold, 49 silver and 41 bronze medals won by swimmers and athletes last year in world and Now Stange believes he has

the nucleus of a formidable team for the late 1980s. Nevertheless he has earned criticism for casting aside Uwe Pilz and Wolfgang Steinbach, the pop-ular veterans, and introducing Andreas Thom, aged 21, who emerged as the standard bearer of the new generation with sparkling performances against France and Denmark. He switched easily between skilful midfield and sharp attacking roles.

"It's easy to get into the national side", Stange said."If we had just five players like Thom, we could achieve suc-

But Stange fears even his young talents such as Thom, Rico Steinmann, aged 18, his newly-blooded forward and Matthias Sammer will fizzle out like East Germany's many great hopes of the last decade. "Time and time again we've seen players peter out at just the age when they should be reaching their peak. I simply lack players around the age of 27 or 28," he said.

Stange suggests the players lack the pressure that force professionals in the West to keep going and earn as much money as possible.

John Hollins, the Chelsea Meanwhile another London manager, has told Steve Wicks manager, John Lyall, of West Ham United, has intensified can leave the first division his search for new players to club if the right offers come arrest his side's alarming slide

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transfers 10 days ago.

Hollins paid Queen's Park
Rangers £450,000 for Wicks, a this stage because they could give us a lift. But it must not just be buying for the sake of it. "We had a superb defence last year but now we are doing senior starts this season, his silly things and our distribution out of defence is giving us problems. We have a reputation for good attacking football - getting things right in defence is important too." • Celtic are interested in signing the Norwich City central defender. Steve Bruce. The Scottish premier division club's manager, David Hay, has discussed Bruce with his

> Celtic are five points ahead of Rangers in the league but Hay was unhappy at their 1-1 draw with Clydebank on Saturday.

directors but they have not yet made a transfer bid. Bruce

joined Norwich from Gilling-

ham, of the third division, in

# run out for Stange of patience

Ron Saunders and Billy McNeill kicked any remaining Christmas spirit firmly into touch yesterday after warning their respective West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa squads that matters must

Saunders, clearly incensed at West Bromwich's inept showing in their last three second division games, which have yielded a solitary point. told his players that their day of reckoning was fast approaching. "At the moment my hands are still tied because of injuries so I cannot bark until I can bite," Saunders said,"but things are going to get a lot less comfortable around here just as soon as our injury problems are sorted

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Derek Statham and George Reilly, neither of whom has kicked a ball in the first team this season, are likely to be the first to benefit as Saunders sharpens his act. Both had another run-out in last night's friendly with Telford United. in 11 days time for their controversial FA Cup third round tie with Leeds United.

McNeill, meanwhile, was still smarting yesterday from Saturday's 4-1 hiding at the hands of the then bottom club. Chelsea, which dragged Villa back into the relegation places. Their next engagement is a New Year's Day visit to Goodison Park where the Villa manager watched Everton humble Leicester City 5-1 on Sunday.

The same thing could happen to us unless there is an allround improvement on Thursday," McNeill said. Villa's £350,000 summer

signing, Neal Cooper, who has been plagued by a groin injury since his arrival from Aberdeen, could make his longdelayed debut Peter Reid will not be fit to

return for Everton, Reid, who earlier this month made a 20minute appearance as substitute against Wimbledon. suffered a thigh strain in that match which is still troubling



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#### The Aga Khan to send 15 horses to Cumani

Luca Cumani, who trained a personal best number of 67 winners last season, received another boost yesterday when it was announced that he will train for the Aga Khan in

The Aga Khan will be sending Cumani 15 two-yearolds in the New Year with the rest of his string, expected to be about 80-strong, going to Michael Stoute and Fulke Johnson Honghton, who have trained for him since 1978.

Italian-born Comani spent two years as assistant to Henry Cecil before setting up in 1976 at Bedford House stables in Newmarket. Since then he has increased his total of winners almost annually. His biggest success came with Commanche Run in the 1984

The Aga Khan's famous colours of green with red epaulets have been carried to victory in two of the last six Epsom Derbys, by Shergar (1981) and Shahrastani (1986). He also won the French Derby in 1984 with Darshaan and in 1985 with

The Aga's decision to retain

ing the number of his horses in this country. But he will still have about 100 horses based at his French training centre at

Cumani said: "Obviously, it's very good news. I was told at the Newmarket December Sales and am delighted." Of the horses who gave him

success last season, Cumani confirmed that St Leger runner-up, Celestial Storm, and Then Again will stay in training. "I'm not totally sure about my Guineas horse at the moment but Imperial Frontier is looking the most likely at present," he said.

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#### Atkins returns at Worcester

The former jump jockey Ron Atkins returns to the saddle at Worcester today when he partners Its A Laugh in the Celebration Selling Hurdle.

Since he retired 18 months ago. Atkins has worked as a jockeys' safety officer and trainer, and has also opened a a third trainer in Britain is in restaurant called 'Chasers' in line with his policy of increas- Devon.

#### Meade to retire

tween the Bond boat and

Richard Meade, Britain's three-time Olympic eventing gold medallist, is to retire from competitive riding. The 48-year-old Englishman has decided to quit after 25 years at the top, following the retirement of his leading horse, Kilcashel, which he rode in Britain's gold medal winning team at the 1982 World Championships. He rode in four Olympics,

coring a double triumph in 1972, when he took the individual title and piloted Britain to the team victory on Laurieston, and collected a team gold at the previous Games on Cornishman.

#### Silver lining

A Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit worth £69.000 is on offer to the scorer of the first 147 maximum break in the new Rothmans Matchroom snooker league being contested around Britain from January to May. The league gets under way on January 17, when Steve Davis, Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Terry Griffiths compete in the first two matches, at the Torbay Leisure Centre. By May 17, 28 matches will have been played at 14 venues to decide the first league side's Boxing Day win over champion.



#### Pyatt's defence Chris Pyatt will defend his

European light-middleweight title for the first time, against Gianfranco Rosi, of Italy, in European Boxing Union announced yesterday.

# **Injury blow**

Oldham rugby league club, already badly hit by injuries this season, suffered another blow yesterday when Hussein M'Barki was ruled out for six weeks with a depressed check-bone. The French-Moroccan full back was injured in his

#### Close call England, who had beaten

Turkey only once in seven previous basketball meetings. lost again, by 78-77, in their opening match of the Pohjola tournament in Helsinki. After trailing 45-33 at the interval, England recovered well, but despite 22 points apiece from Mick Bett and Clyde Vaughan, Turkey held out. Playing safe

Winds gusting at speeds of

more than 60mph and heavy sleet prevented ski jumping yesterday at a World Cup nordic combination event at Oberwiesenthal, East Germany, forcing the event to be rescheduled for today.

#### Second place

Gary Lineker, the England and Barcelona forward, has come second in a poll among European sports journalists to the central Italian town of find the European footballer Perugia on January 21, the of the year. The Golden Ball award, conducted by the weekly France Football magazine went to the Soviet Union's Igor Belanov.

#### Top man

Philippe Sella, the Agen and French international centre, has been named rugby union's player of 1986 by the French weekly newspaper Midi Olympique. He succeeds the Argentine stand-off Hugo

#### BOBSLEIGHING

#### Germans record home win

Königssee (Reuter) - West Germany recorded their first World Cup victory when Toni Fischer and Christoph Langen won a two-man event on their home track here yesterday. Fischer was the fastest

driver on all three runs, clocking a total time of 2min 36.91 sec to beat the Austrians Ingo Appelt and Josef Muigg by exactly three-quarters of a second.

East Germany's Olympic silver medal winner. Bernhard Lehmann, racing for the first time since being laid low by a virus infection almost a year ago, finished third with his brakeman. Mario Hoyer.

It was a satisfying day for West Germany, who had four teams in the first eight. The home nation profited from the decisions of East Germany and Switzerland, the world's leading bob powers, to send only their second teams to Konigssee.

As a result of the victory, Fischer and Langen have climbed to second place in the World Cup two-man standings. They have 37 points and trail the Americans, Matt Roy and James Herberich, by two